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ONENESS OF HaSHEM

Three rams horns depicting the Hebrew letter Sheen together with the Israeli-flag-blue Dalet and Yod form a Hebrew word symbolizing the Oneness of HaShem. Art by Yannai of Minneapolis. See story page 44.

"Israel is a fact"

Herzog sends greetings

The 40th Year of Israel's independence has been an occasion for rejoicing, but also a sombre reminder that the country's struggle for peace and security continues, says President Chaim Herzog in his Rosh Hashanah message to the Diaspora.

"We have looked back on four decades full of achievement," Herzog said, citing the ingathering of Jews from around the world and the creation of industry, agriculture, and educational, civic and cultural networks.

"Our dream of fulfilling the Zionist vision of an Israel living at peace with its neighbors and joining with them in developing the Middle East for the benefit of all its inhabitants remains unaltered," the President said.

"Conversely, our Arab neighbors would do well to realize that Israel, after 40 years a major state in its own right, is a fact. Coming to terms with our existence and stretching out the hand of peace can only bring benefits to all of us."

Many of the current conflicts in the world are in the process of being resolved and in every case has the principle of direct negotiations without preconditions been applied, Herzog said.

"Only in the case of our conflict with our neighbors has this principle not been accepted," he added.

Israel has welcomed as olim a number of brave and distinguished former Refuseniks from the Soviet Union and many Jews coming to live in Israel from the Jewish communities of the West "and more quietly, from many countries where Jews live under conditions of distress and oppression," Herzog stated.

Looking to the coming year, the President said Israelis will exercise their democratic rights in electing a new government that will face important decisions which may fundamentally affect the character and security of the country for years to come.

"Unfortunately Israel is the only democracy in our area where the decision as to our future policy will be taken by the people at the ballot box. Facing us is a people living under a shadow of terror, which prevents a free, democratic discussion of the issues they face," Herzog said.

Both in Israel's achievements and problems, "our main partners are our brothers and sisters of the Jewish communities of the Diaspora. With you, we share fellowship in the most remarkable heritage . . . We still have a great deal to do together — our mission as a people is eternal."

Herzog said he joins with the Jewish people worldwide in praying for a New Year that will be happy, healthy and above all peaceful.

"May I particularly express my wish that in the coming year many of you will take the opportunity to visit Israel, to show solidarity with our land and our people and to benefit from the hospitality and welcome that every citizen will extend to you," the President said.

"May I extend my personal wishes to all of you for a year of progress and achievement, a year of the ingathering of the exiles, a year of peace and prosperity."

Yugoslavia hosts Dinitz

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz met last week in Belgrade with the Yugoslav foreign minister, the first time that a senior Israeli political figure has visited Yugoslavia since the latter broke off relations with Israel some 20 years ago.

Dinitz told The Jerusalem Post that his hour-long discussion with the foreign minister encompassed bilateral relations, trade, tourism and flights between the two countries.

He said the foreign minister stressed Yugoslavia's special friendship with the Israeli people and its desire to help advance practical bilateral matters and the Middle East peace process.

Dinitz said that Yugoslavia wants "to strengthen its ties with Israel."

Dinitz and chairman of the Jewish Agency board of governors, Mendel Kaplan, were in Yugoslavia to attend the annual conference of the European branch of the World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS). This is the first time that a WUJS meeting has been held in Yugoslavia.

EL AL HAS PLANS

El Al has has devised several programs to counter the adverse effects of the uprising in the territories on Israeli tourism. See stories and photos on the cover of our Rosh Hashanah supplement.

Arafat undertakes diplomatic offensive

NEW YORK (JTA) — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat is embarking on a diplomatic offensive that includes a heavy schedule of meetings with top European leaders and plans to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Sources in Brussels disclosed last week that Arafat will meet with top European Community officials during his visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Sept. 13. The visit will mark the first time the PLO leader has been received by the European parliamentary institution.

Arafat is scheduled to confer with Lord Plum, a British Conservative who is president of the European Parliament, and Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias, current chairman of the EC Council of Ministers.

PLO officials have circulated reports in recent weeks that Arafat also plans to address the UN General Assembly after the Palestine National Council discusses plans to declare an independent Palestinian state and set up a government-in-exile. The council is scheduled to meet in Algiers sometime in September.

Diplomats at UN headquarters here, however, said that it is "premature" to talk about Arafat visiting the United Nations. They said UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has not yet invited Arafat to address the General Assembly, which officially opens Sept. 20.

The two men met recently at UN headquarters in Geneva and were scheduled to meet again to discuss a General Assembly appearance by the PLO leader.

One diplomat also pointed out that an Arafat address will depend on the outcome of the meeting in Algiers. "Without a mandate from the PNC, Arafat cannot come to New York," the diplomat said.

Arafat also has been invited to address the National Press Club in Washington, which regularly holds "newsmaker" luncheons. He has never before appeared in the U.S. capital.

But it is unclear at this time whether the PLO leader would be allowed to enter the United States for the purpose of addressing either the General Assembly or the press club.

Under U.S. immigration laws, the U.S. government may bar individuals belonging to terrorist organizations from entering the United States. The government has used the provisions on many occasions to prevent foreign officials from visting the United Nations, a state department source said in Washington.

Even if Arafat is issued an entry visa, it will likely contain a restriction that bars him from traveling further than 25 miles from UN headquarters in New York. That would make it impossible for Arafat to address the press club.

U.S. Jewish groups have expressed disappointment in the press club invitation, which was issued Aug. 17.

In Europe, meanwhile, Arafat's upcoming visit to Strasbourg is being viewed as important, following recent diplomatic developments in the Middle East.

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Early press run for holiday issue

Because of the Labor Day holiday and because of the extra-large size of this edition (136 pages in Toronto, 92 in Montreal) we went to press several days earlier than usual.

However, we'll update you on the news missed over the past weekend in our Sept. 15 issue, so stay tuned to The CJN.

Please remember that due to the Jewish holidays, we cannot promise publication of any editorial publicity releases from now until after the Thanksgiving holiday. Deadline for the Oct. 13 issue is Thursday, Sept. 29 in Toronto.

• IN THIS ISSUE, J.B.'s column appears on page 2 instead of in its usual place; Elaine Kahn's column is on page 5, and there is no Letters to the Editor section. We hope to be back to normal by next week.

World-National

Seasonal rhythms on lu'ach

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

There was a time, and not so long ago, when every literate Jew would be in possession of a lu'ach, that is, a Jewish calendar. Without a lu'ach one would have to rely on friends to indicate when the High Holidays or any other date (such as a yahrzeit) were scheduled to occur. That would be a bit embarrassing, something akin to a long-time Jewish resident of a city asking where a synagogue is located.

Rabbi Plaut

Nowadays most civic calendars list the major Jewish festivals, and your synagogue will probably remind you when your parent's yahrzeit falls. These innovations have made a lu'ach superfluous for most people. Too bad, for it has much to tell us.

Above all, it gives us a full view of the flow of the Jewish year and makes it crystal clear that Jewishly significant occasions always fall on the same date — while the civic calendar makes us believe that they "move around." The lu'ach is indeed like a table (that is its basic meaning in Hebrew), for upon it are displayed the basic accoutrements of the Jewish year. Thus also, the Ten Commandments (and some traditions say, all commandments) were inscribed on the luchot ha-berit, the Tables of the Covenant.

The lu'ach gives us the sequence of the months and tells us which have 29 and which have 30 days and when Rosh Chodesh occurs; when the minor fasts and feasts fall; what Torah and Haftorah portions are read; and usually it also lists the holidays for the next year. Your lu'ach allows you to watch the unfolding rhythm of the year.

Extra month

Strange as it may seem, the Jewish calendar as we know it today has undergone a long development which did not come to an end until about 900 years ago, which is somewhat recent in Jewish history. Until then there were still divergent calculations, especially with regard to the leap years. Now all Jews are agreed that a leap month is inserted seven times in a 19-year-long cycle on which our calendar is based, and this is done every 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th year. (This cycle is called machzor in Hebrew, hence the name of the festival prayer book.) The new year which we are about to begin will be a leap year and have an extra month of Adar added during the winter, and in such a year the feast of Purim, which is always scheduled for the 14th of Adar, falls in the leap month.

The Jewish year is "luni-solar," meaning that basically it follows the phases of the moon but is adjusted in accordance with the seasons of the solar year. In the first period of Jewish history the beginning of a new month (the word is derived from the word "moon," which comes from the Latin mensis) was based on observing the skies; in the second period (early talmudic times) it was based on both observation and calculation; and from the third period on calculation alone became the guide. This happened after the patriarch Hillel II introduced the present-day calendar during the middle of the 4th century. About 600 years later some remaining uncertainties, like the occurrence of leap years, were finally agreed upon.

In this fixed rule, for instance, the first day of Rosh Hashanah (and therefore the first day of Succoth, which comes exactly two weeks later) never falls on a Sunday, Wednesday or Friday, and the first day of Pesach never on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

On the night before Rosh Hashanah begins you will search in vain for a sign of the moon, even if the sky is perfectly clear. For on that night the moon will be directly between sun and earth and hence invisible to us. This is called molad, from the Hebrew root meaning "birth," but on the next night, erev Rosh Hashanah, you will see once more a thin sliver of the moon and the new month is "born." It will be Tishri, starting the year 5749.

In anticipation of this wonderfully festive and solemn occasion and all it implies, I wish all of us a cordial Shana Tova.

Goodwill gestures shown as Israeli departs

Envoy winds up tenure in Egypt

By
ELAINE FLETCHER

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Moshe Sasson, Israel's former ambassador to Egypt, didn't miss the cocktail parties during the many years when he was shunned by Cairo's officialdom but he did miss the television cameras.

"What I regret until now is that there was a sort of high dam between me and the media. That, as far as an ambassador is concerned, is a sad phenomenon," said Sasson. "During wartime, both sides try to know their enemy. During peace, they should try to know their neighbors."

Still, Cairo evinced a flurry of goodwill gestures recently as Sasson wound up his tenure in Egypt. There was an interview with Egyptian Television, lengthy meetings with President Hosni Mubarak and other top officials, and a surprise party. On the way to the airport, Sasson stopped at the homes of Jihan Sadat and former Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

"Kamal Hassan Ali said he wanted to be the last one to see me before I left Cairo but he wasn't," said Sasson, "because when I got to the airport the energy minister was waiting for me."

Whether the farewells were a diplomatic signal of sorts, as Sasson believes, or a personal salute, is a matter for debate. Only a few days later, Egypt cancelled its annual National Day party at its Tel Aviv embassy. Only weeks before, Deputy Foreign Minister Butros Ghali had described Israeli-Egyptian relations as a "formal peace" worse than the "cold peace" era of the war in Lebanon.

Peace treaty holds

But Sasson, an expert on Arab affairs who steered the embassy through most of the ups and downs of Israel's 9-year peace with Egypt, remains adamant about one thing: "The basic strategic peace between Israel and Egypt is as solid as it was on the day of the signing of the peace treaty."

"But the day-to-day peace is influenced by events in the region as Egyptians see them. I don't think we've passed the childhood diseases as far as the day-to-day peace goes," he said. Signing the peace treaty was like getting triple vaccine "for no more wars, no terror, and the starting on the road of peace."

He continues to believe that even though during his term as ambassador he discovered that peace also had its victims: the Israelis massacred at Ras Burka in 1985 and his embassy colleagues, attache Albert Atrakchi and Eti Tal-Or, who were gunned down by terrorists in Cairo in 1985 and 1986.

Those incidents were "the most difficult moments," he said.

"Logically, I understand that in any country there are extremists but the effect on me was so strong." He shook his head while he spoke of Tal-Or and Atrakchi. "I'm not able to characterize my feelings."

Of Ras Burka, all he would say was, "That was done by a crazy man who hanged himself."

Sasson also witnessed the death of the most famous victim of the peace treaty President Anwar Sadat. Despite some opinion in Israel that it might be inappropriate for an ambassador to be at such an occasion, Sasson attended Egypt's Oct. 6 memorial ceremonies for the Yom Kippur War. "It was clear to me I had to be there," he said. "Wars are between nations. And after peace they honor each other, including their dead."

Sasson brushes off the notion that, in addition to the diplomatic friction, there was personal friction between himself and Sadat's successor, Hosni Mubarak. "My relations with Egyptian leaders were a reflection of our [diplomatic] relations," he said. "Those relations are not healthy. They are passing through a delicate moment with the intifada."

Unsolved issues knock at door of our New Year

By
J. B. SALSBERG

As in private life so also in the life of a community, a society or a nation, there is a tendency to avoid or to try to escape coming to grips with difficult challenges. But, again as in private life, such unresolved problems have a way of catching up with us and insisting on a solution.

J. B. Salsberg

It seems to me that at the threshold of this Jewish New Year an unusually long line of neglected challenges are clamoring at our doors and insisting on resolution. They will be neglected in the new year at the risk of our immediate and future wellbeing.

It also seems to me that partisan and sectional interests prevent a frank examination of unresolved issues that, if not resolved, will only compound the difficulties and make their ultimate solution more difficult and more costly.

These general observations apply, of course, also to the current passionate political discussions that have been engendered by the Israeli general election that will take place at the end of November. The outcome of that political contest concerns us all, since Israel's future is also in the centre of our concerns, as it should be.

In my view the main shortcoming in the inner-Jewish dialogue and in the Israeli election focus is the failure on the part of determining political blocks, like Premier Shamir's Likud, to take sufficiently into account the profound political changes that have taken place in the last 40 years in the Middle East as well as on the wider global scene.

To say, as Premier Shamir said recently, that "not a foot of our historic land will we surrender," may please certain extremist groups but is no help in the efforts for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Nor is it in the best interests of Israel, in the long run, to picture the Labor opposition and its leader, Shimon Peres, the foreign minister of Israel and Shamir's senior partner in the present coalition government, as one who is prepared to trade away parts of "our sacred land" to the Arabs.

Objectively speaking, Peres' position of "trading territory for lasting peace" would seem to be more realistic than are those that are based on conditions that have vanished.

What was meaningful propaganda in the early days of the pre-war aliya movement is totally meaningless now, when all doors in Israel are open to Jews from any place in the world.

We need to update the struggle for peace with the Arabs inside and around Israel as current conditions require rather than clinging to the outdated verbal volleys that come from the hawkish Sharons and their kindred spirits.

It is encouraging to read the frank dismissal of some of Ariel Sharon's moves of late (like his moving into an Arab quarter in Jerusalem) by one of the highest religious leaders of Israel, Rabbi Shach.

In short, important changes have and are taking place in and around Israel and new evaluations of those changes must be taken in the New Year rather than to continue with old slogans and old methods.

The same can be said of our approach to and the nature of our campaigning on behalf of the approximately three million Soviet Jews.

Much has happened in the Soviet Union since world Jewry, at its international conference in Brussels, Begium, adopted the slogan Let my People Go.

Even then, and I was at that conference, there was a strong block that argued for a double slogan, Let My People Go and, the other, Let Them Live as Jews.

Menachem Begin was at that conference and he opposed the second slogan because, he maintained, there was no future for Jews in Russia, so let's save as many as we can through emigration.

It is self-evident now that we need to re-examine our positions and our strategies since those slogans were adopted. Most of the approximately three million Soviet Jews will not depart from their birthplace. Even after the recently liberalized emigration policies of the kremlin, it is safe to assume that most Soviet Jews will remain. Let My People Go is, therefore, an inadequate slogan now.

While continuing our efforts for the universal right to leave the country of one's birth, we need to move to the very foreground our campaign for the re-establishment of a self-governing, democratically chosen, state-wide Jewish leadership in the USSR, to revive and to expand Jewish religious, educational, cultural and social activities throughout the Soviet Union. The political atmosphere in the Soviet Union would also seem more favorable than ever during the last half century, for important changes in the way the millions of Soviet Jews were compelled to live.

And so, my dear friends, let's enter the new year conscious of the need to review, re-examine and, above all, to rethink many of our accustomed ways of doing things, not only in our personal lives but, more so, in our collective lives, as members of the prideful Jewish peoplehood.

Let's not be slaves to old habits and old methods.

We and everything around us are in flux. Let's bring about the required changes consciously and methodically.

In the meantime a hearty Shana Tova and a Happy New Year (as they say it nowadays).

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Changed rules of the game for women

Female ex-general inspired revolution in IDF

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Amira Dotan

TORONTO —

"We wanted to change history. We broke through the barrier."

Amira Dotan, tall, willowy and poised, is talking about an idea whose time has come.

In an age of women's lib, Dotan, a self-declared feminist, wrought something of a revolution in one of the pillars of Israeli society — the armed forces. As the first woman in the Israel Defence Forces to hold the rank of general, and the first female Jewish general since Deborah, the biblical prophetess, Dotan was instrumental in changing the fundamental role of women in Israel's highly-regarded fighting force.

It had been common practice for women to perform secretarial, clerical, administrative, communication and teaching jobs in the armed forces. No one ever thought of changing this order of things until Dotan came along.

As commander of the Women's Corps from 1982 until 1987, she convinced the general staff that women should be placed in technological fields typically occupied by male soldiers. After that, women became instructors in every branch of soldiering and began to be trained in a wide range of vocations from computers to electro-optics.

"When I started, 60% (of women) were in traditional jobs. When I left, 28% were in these jobs.

"We changed the rules of the game," said Dotan, an attractive 41-year-old woman with flaming red hair.

And thanks to the example she set, the Women's Corps, which had always been commanded by a colonel, will always be led by a general — a brigadier-general.

Looking toward the future, Dotan said, "It is up to us, as women, to excel, to show our capabilities."

When Dotan conceived her idea, she dreamed of changing "everything" in a matter of months. But, as she delved deeper into the problem, she realized that she would have to proceed on a "step-by-step" basis. "I didn't speak of rebellion but of practical steps."

Shortly after her appointment as head of the Women's Corps, she approached Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan. He was receptive. His successor, Gen. Moshe Levy, was also encouraging.

"They were very cooperative — real partners — though everyone knew it would be hard to change the attitude of men and of the public. Israel is a traditional society.

"The first time was quite peculiar," she acknowledged. "But men are not totally unaccustomed to getting orders from women, whether they're teachers in a school or mothers."

In the final analysis, the "gender angle" was not an issue. What really counted was competence, she explained. And as women proved themselves, they were accepted as peers.

Although Dotan can envisage the day when women will serve in combat ("women have the mental and physical capacity to fight"), she won't predict when that may happen.

Dotan firmly believes that all women, including religious ones, should do national service, whether in the armed forces or in some other capacity. "There is no excuse not to serve," she said. "I did my best to attract religious girls. I let them serve near their homes. I permitted them to wear long skirts and long sleeves. I appointed as my deputy a religious woman from B'nai Brak (an Orthodox suburb of Tel Aviv), who became a role model, a bridge between the Orthodox and secular communities."

She achieved results. As she put it: "In the early 1980s, 29% of Orthodox women weren't even drafted. By 1987, we had whittled that down to 17%."

In her view, the law on compulsory national service should be enforced. She knows it is observed in the breach because of the nature of Israeli politics, where religious parties hold the balance of power.

Although she is not Orthodox, in the strictest sense of the word, Dotan observes the laws of kashruth, as well as all the Jewish holidays, and lights candles on Friday.

"I feel and act like a Jew."

A Sabra, Dotan was born and raised in Tel Aviv. Her father, Moshe, was of Egyptian origin, and her mother, Malka, had a Russian background. One of her father's relatives, a Palmach commander, secured the strategic Latrun road in the War of Independence.

Inducted into the army in 1965, she was just finishing her national service when border tension between Israel and Syria flared up in the spring of 1967. As a result, she postponed her departure from the army. During the Six Day War, she performed administrative duties in a Druze unit assigned to the Jordanian front. "After the war, everyone asked me to stay on, which was quite a compliment."

Dotan never actually decided to make a career in the regular army. "For a long time, I did it on a year-to-year basis."

In the meantime, Dotan got married, and she and her husband, Jonathan, a businessman who sells security alarms and supplies bodyguards, sired three children — two daughters and a son. Their eldest daughter, Inbal, is to be drafted shortly.

As she rose in the ranks, Dotan moved to Beersheba, where she headed the Women's Corps in the south, and completed two degrees in psychology from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Dotan hired a maid to keep her house clean, but she did all the cooking and baking. How did she cope with nurturing a career, studying and raising a family? "I just did it. I'm a strong person and I'm used to working hard. And, of course, I have a good back-up — my husband."

After more than two decades, Dotan left the army this year to accept the vice-presidency of her alma mater, Ben-Gurion University, reportedly Israel's fastest-growing institution of higher learning. She is in charge of development and international affairs.

Dotan turned down a chance to contest the mayoralty of Beersheba to accept the Ben-Gurion University job, which takes her abroad quite regularly.

Both the Labor Party and the Likud bloc encouraged her to run. But she chose to make her second career as an administrator because she feels that Ben-Gurion University can spearhead change in the Negev — Israel's last, great parcel of undeveloped territory.

A vegetarian who enjoys classical music, fine books and the outdoors, Dotan may yet enter politics one day, provided Israel's much-criticized system of proportional representation is changed.

No hawk, but not a dove either, Dotan advocates a political solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict that would enable the Israeli army to withdraw from heavily-populated Arab areas of the West Bank while retaining a military presence there.

"I don't believe in sharp solutions," said Dotan, whose ideas regarding a peace settlement conform closely to the Allon Plan, presented by the late Yigal Allon, a Palmach commander and former foreign minister, in the wake of the Six Day War.

"We need a solution on the West Bank that will enable us to exist as a Jewish country," she said. With this in mind, Dotan is a member of a national committee, composed in part of ex-senior army officers, which publicizes the demographic threat that may well face Israel within about a decade.

The committee, which is partial to the Allon Plan and its variants, warns that, by the end of the century, Arabs will probably outnumber Jews in Israel and the territories, creating problems of historical significance for the Israeli government.

Dotan is also a member of a national committee on women's issues and sits on the board of directors of the Women's Lobby.

Her definition of feminism is pragmatic to the core. "It's about equal opportunities, rights and obligations," she said.

The status of women in Israel, she claimed, is "one of the best in the world." Nevertheless, women must work harder to attain decision-making positions. "That's what it is all about."

Dotan, obviously, is a perfect example of a feminist who is making it in a highly competitive society. As I waited to interview her, a meeting she had attended in the boardroom of a midtown building broke up, and several fashionably-dressed women walked past me, in high spirits, toward the door.

"She's wonderful," said one.

"She's amazing," noted another one. "I feel I've done nothing with my life."

That's the kind of admiration that Amira Dotan, woman extraordinaire, inspires.

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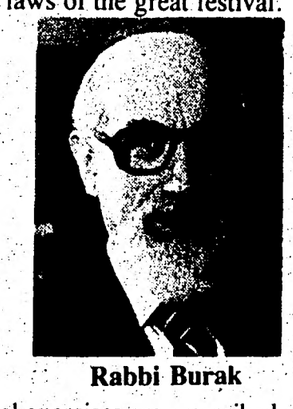
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: What does Elul, as the last month of the Jewish year, the month before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, require of us?

For every major Jewish festival, there is a 30-day preparation period. Thirty days before Passover, one begins to study the laws of the great festival. One prepares to clean out the chometz. There is surely lots of stuff to clean out before the arrival of the High Holy Days, lots of garbage to get rid of before facing that light that searches all the chambers of the body and soul.



Rabbi Burak

Elul is a month of preparation for the arrival of these very special days. Certain spiritual exercises are prescribed to enable us to meet the challenge of this season. Those exercises may have a salubrious effect on us; they may put us in the right mood. They may also help us to look better in the eyes of the Almighty.

What are these exercises? The Shulchan 'Aruch, Laws of Rosh Hashanah, Chapter 581:1, spells them out for us: "It is the custom to rise in the early hours before daybreak to say Selichos . . . from Rosh Chodesh Elul and onward up to Yom Kippur." But that is not the custom of the Ashkenazim. Says Isserles, in his gloss on this paragraph: "We start Selichos, never earlier than a week before Rosh Hashanah."

For the Ashkenazi Jew, what does begin with the start of Elul? Well, we begin to blow the shofar each morning, and we recite a special Psalm, the 27th of the Psalms of David, morning and evening. The word, evening, creates a conflict in minhag. Some believe it is to be said after ma'ariv. The Mishneh Berurah rules that we are to say it after mincha.

Since this penitential period requires us to improve our relations with man, as well as God, every letter that we write must show that fact. So, it is customary that when you write a letter, you indicate that you are extending your good wishes for the coming year. But, this isn't done in the florid manner of a New Year card, but with a few Hebrew letters, kvch-t, meaning kessiva vechassima tovah.

Fasting before the arrival of our Holy Days is part of these religious exercises. This is a preparation for Yom Kippur, and here there appears to be a maximum and a minimum. The Code, Laws of Rosh Hashanah, Chapter 581:2, states: "It is the custom to fast the day before Rosh Hashanah."

In the Isserles gloss on this paragraph, it seems that this is not enough: "And the scrupulous folk have the custom that everyone fasts 10 days," a reference, it would seem to the Ten Days of Penitence. But, the Mordechai, who is the source behind this custom, states that they fasted six days before Rosh Hashanah, even on the Sabbath.

A much more extreme position is to be found in the Be'er Hetev on this very same chapter, note 10: "And those who fast for 40 days . . . shall begin from the 17th day of Tammuz, skipping a few days at a time. But, the fasts already in the calendar (the 17th of Tammuz and the 9th of Av) shall not be counted in these 40 days of fasting." This 40-day fasting exercise was done to emulate Moshe Rabbeinu.

Alas for the vanished world of yesterday, when our glorious brothers found it so easy to fast and pray, while we find the Yom Kippur day more than sufficient, and hunt for the three stars to signal that the fast is over and the feasting can begin. But, then we have so many distractions!

And what does the Yetzer Hara' do? He often arranges that the Miss America Pageant takes place on the night of First Selichos, the better to distract us from our religious duties. Sometimes, he even manages to have the World Series on Yom Kippur.

State department official warns:

Deportations could affect relations

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The Reagan administration is hoping that Israel in the coming weeks will quietly cut back its policy of deporting Palestinian activists from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Top U.S. officials conceded that they fully expected Israel to attempt to go forward with the pending expulsion orders for 25 more Palestinians (CJN Sept. 1). But the Americans expressed hope that Israel would then dramatically curtail the practice.

They predicted that Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, seen in Washington as the architect of the deportation policy, would scale back the policy in order to avoid any serious deterioration in the American-Israeli relationship. The Americans noted that Rabin, in the past, has generally been sensitive to Washington's concerns.

On Aug. 22, Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead bluntly told the Israeli embassy's minister, Oded Eran, that the continued use of deportations would damage the U.S.-Israeli relationship. Whitehead's warning was quickly leaked in Israel.

Two days later, the state department publicly expressed "shock" that Israel was planning to expel 25 more Palestinians.

U.S. officials said they were surprised by the unusually complete disclosure of what was supposed to be a confidential U.S.-Israeli diplomatic exchange on the sensitive matter. "It did not contribute to our having an intelligent discussion on the matter," an American official said, referring to the leaks. "We certainly didn't mean for it to explode."

U.S. officials denied that the affair has caused a real crisis in the bilateral relationship. They were hoping that the matter could now be resolved quietly. Thus, the state department later in the week pointedly declined to discuss the matter further in public.

Israeli officials in Washington confirmed that the U.S. wanted to move beyond the current rift. The Americans are hoping to "lower the volume," one well-placed Israeli official in Washington said.

Privately, U.S. officials did not back away from their basic criticism of Israel's policy, although they maintained that the news media in Israel had exaggerated the meaning of the implied threat in the Whitehead message.

Regarding the deputy secretary's threat that the relationship would be damaged if the policy continued, U.S. officials explained that the deportations were undermining Israel's generally positive image in Congress and among the public at large.

"A reduced level of support for Israel," one American official said, "will automatically weaken the U.S.-Israeli relationship. That is what Whitehead was driving at. Israel should be more sensitive to its image in America. Deportations sap away at America's goodwill. We're concerned about that."

State department officials cited numerous letters they have received from members of Congress and private citizens complaining about Israel's policies.

U.S. officials flatly denied that they had drawn up any sanctions against Israel if the deportations continue. They confirmed, however, that defending on this issue at the United Nations Security Council would become more difficult.

The Americans insisted that their opposition to the deportations stemmed not only from the legal factors. The U.S. — unlike Israel — sees deportations as violations of the Geneva Conventions governing military occupations.

The Americans insisted that the expulsions simply poison the political atmosphere in the peace process. "Israel is pushing away the people with whom it might have to talk one of these days," one American official commented.

He noted that most of those Palestinians deported since the start of the uprising have been leaders, "people who wield some influence."

U.S. officials said that Secretary of State George Shultz, away on vacation, had personally authorized the thrust of the Whitehead message to Israel.

But pro-Israeli analysts in Washington suggested that Whitehead, backed by other Middle East specialists at the state department, may have gone beyond Shultz's authorization in terms of the rather blunt approach he took.

"Whitehead delivered the message very differently than Shultz would have," one pro-Israeli observer in Washington said.

Meanwhile, the National Press Club in Washington has invited PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to address the group.

Arafat, described as anxious to make his first ever visit to the U.S. capital, is reportedly planning to address the United Nations General Assembly in the fall.

But U.S. officials said that it was by no means clear that Arafat would be granted an entry visa. He addressed the UN in 1974 but was denied permission to return in 1986.

Poll gives Labor Party slight lead over Likud

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The Labor Alignment has a slight edge over the Likud bloc, according to new polls conducted by the parties, but would not win enough votes to form a government on its own, if elections were held today.

The Likud poll, conducted by the Dahaf organization, gives Labor 42 seats in the 120-seat Knesset versus 40 for Likud. Labor's own poll, conducted by the Dessima organization, puts the breakdown at 43 seats for labor and 38 for Likud.

Likud conducted its poll among 1,175 Israeli Jews from Aug. 7 to 14. Labor polled 1,503 Jews and 1,200 Israeli Arabs during the first half of August. The results of both surveys were published in the daily Yediot Achronot.

Labor's polling found that the party is likely to lose 40% of the backing it has received from Arabs in previous years, Haaretz reported.

The poll found Labor earning only 19% of the Arab vote, down 10 percentage points from previous elections. The Hadash Communist party and the Progressive List for Peace together polled 54% of the Arab vote, Knesset member Abdel Wahab Darousha's new party 6%, the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM) 5.5%, Likud 5.5% and Mapam 2.5%.

The complete results of the Labor poll are as follows: Labor, 43 seats; Likud, 38; CRM, 8; Tehiya, 7; Hadash, 6; National Religious Party, 4; Kach, 3; Center, 2; Mapam, 2; Shas, 2; Progressive List, 2; Agudat Yisrael, 1; Meimad, 1; and Tsomet, 1.

The Likud poll's results are: Labor, 42; Likud, 40; Hadash and Progressive List, 7; Tehiya, 6; CRM, 5; NRP, 4; Shas, 4; Kach, 3; Mapam, 3; Tsomet, 2; Center, 2; and Agudat Yisrael, 2. The Meimad party did not poll any seats.

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Korean games seen as boon for Israel

By
GIDEON REMEZ

JERUSALEM —

The departure of the Israeli contingent for the Seoul Olympic Games due to begin Sept. 17 has, as usual, been clouded by controversy about the disproportion between the number of athletes and that of officials and other camp-followers. But whatever the sporting merit of Israel's own participation in the Olympiad, political circles here see the games themselves as the main hurdle to be passed on the way to improved relations with South Korea — the most formidable among the "four dragons" of the Pacific Rim.

"We are very hopeful," said one Israeli official, "that after the Olympics a more self-confident and assertive Korean foreign policy will make way for a greater Israeli role. Perhaps, once we have a government after our election, we'll be able to send some important visitor to the Far East and there as well."

Just as in Israel any thorny problem is postponed to aharei ha-hagim (after the holidays) so the Koreans have been putting off Israeli advances until after the Games. Knowing the immense importance of the event to Korean national prestige, few here doubt their sincere concern to prevent the slightest terrorist risk to the games or acrimony around them — an Arab boycott, or North Korean propaganda exploitation of any overture toward Israel.

For the meanwhile, the Koreans are taking no chances: last March they issued a statement on the situation in the territories that went far beyond the normal United Nations wording — for instance, in omitting any mention of Security Council resolution 242 and in demanding Israel's withdrawal from all the territories, including Jerusalem.

It's widely recognized in official and other circles here that Israel must share the blame for its difficulty in penetrating the former "hermit kingdom" — or at least for giving the Koreans a valid excuse. "Re-penetrating" would actually be more precise: in 1977, Israel committed the now-acknowledged error of closing down its resident embassy in Seoul. As in the closing of the consulate-general in Hong Kong at the same time, considerations of economy were cited, but both steps probably betrayed an underestimate of the Far East's significance.

But judging by the descriptions in the Korean press today, Israel's decision was interpreted as a snub over Korea's then-budding trade relations with the Arab world. Worst of all, the handling of Israel's ties with Korea was transferred to the embassy in Tokyo — which was taken as an outright insult, since Japan, the former colonial power in Korea, is heartily disliked there.

"Koreans have a long memory and I doubt (the Israelis) will be invited back, if ever, for centuries," columnist C. K. Yun wrote in The Korea Times this year. Nonetheless, officials here report that Israel's ambassador in Tokyo is received politely, even cordially, on his frequent visits to Korea; he'll be there with the other VIPs at the Olympic opening ceremony. When, however, foreign ministry Director-General Avraham Tamir, who has put the Pacific region high on his priorities, called at Seoul to sound the Koreans out on re-establishing a permanent Israeli mission there, they were polite but non-committal — at least until aharei ha-hagim. When Israeli media reports about the visit spoke of a promise to allow the request then, the Koreans quickly denied it officially and categorically.

They also went back on a promise to receive a high-powered Israeli trade delegation that subsequently visited Japan, and knowledgeable sources said Saudi pressure brought about the cancellation of an Israel industrial exhibition. A second delegation was finally received, but with scant immediate results.

Israel has been having a hard time trying to open even a trade office in Seoul. But a handful of Israeli companies, including Zim shipping lines, the Histradrut-owned Koor Industries and Tadiran Electronics have offices in the South Korean capital. Despite Korea's industrial prowess, sources here believe there is a potential market there for Israeli expertise in such fields as bio-technology and agricultural development.

Trade is indeed the name of the game in Korea, which now sells $3 billion U.S. worth annually of products and services to Arab states. Such engineering projects as the Libyan water pipeline, which Korean firms have recently contracted to lay, account for such a major factor in its economy that the oil price slump triggered a recession in Korea's construction industry. On the other hand, its dependence on Arab oil is nearly total.

Unlike the Japanese, who have both diversified their energy sources and attempted to mask their compliance with the Arab boycott behind a laissez-faire trade policy, the official Korean agencies dealing with foreign commerce have positively directed corporations not to flout the boycott. Conversely — I was told by sources who have investigated the matter — the Koreans are more apt than the Japanese to do indirect business with Israel through third parties, though the volume of direct trade was only a paltry $50 million U.S. in 1986. "Even that figure doesn't appear in the Koreans' published statistics," I was told by an official here. "But they're very open and frank about the constraints and don't make specious excuses like the Japanese."

Such American-Jewish organizations as the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, who have been lobbying the U.S. Congress for anti-boycott action, report less success with Korea than with Japan. Although Korean import barriers have recently stirred up much protectionist sentiment in the U.S., the Koreans — again unlike the Japanese — are seen as stalwart anti-Communists who are shouldering their part of the Western defence effort. Still, the Jewish activists hope to convince American business circles that knuckling under to the boycott hardly behooves a major trading partner.

The American Steering Committee on Freedom of Trade with Israel, established by the ADL and other Jewish groups, plans a fresh effort after the Olympics which is to include approaches to Korean diplomats and perhaps a mission to Seoul.

Nothing in this life rivals moments under the chupah

By
ELAINE KAHN

I have just returned from the fourth wedding in two weeks. Actually, I have just gotten up from a nap after the fourth wedding in two weeks — it's the only way to deal with afternoon weddings.

These were all "official" weddings—had I not been married to the rabbi, I would not have been invited. Even then, I am not always invited to weddings my huband officiates at. In fact, a minor parlor game in our house is trying to figure this out. All I know is that, this month, my clothes closet only narrowly averted a nervous collapse.

I am frequently asked whether I find this kind of thing a chore and I am pretty sure people think I am just being polite when I say "no." I'm not just being polite — yet. Ask again when we're at four invitations a weekend and our kids have changed the locks.

First of all, I love to dance and, after years of careful training, so does my husband. Second, I like to be au courant on table centrepieces and chupah designs (there was a white frothy tulle chupah this month that was simply to die for). Third, well, somebody has to mingle with the theatregoers to catch the lobby reviews (what was the rabbi's name again? didn't I hear him say the same thing at Shirley's wedding last year? I wonder what his wife looks like. So that's sushi).

Most of all, the people-watching at a wedding has no equal. The kibbitzing, the clothes, the jewelry, the tension, the cynicism — pure bliss.

Cynicism? Of course. Can you honestly say that, hearing the rabbi speak all those words about love forever, you don't, somewhere in your mind, think he or she is completely out to lunch?

Behind every wedding is drama. How will they ever make a go of it? He's wasn't born Jewish, she was married before, they had a fight yesterday, the chazzan has laryngitis, he's a butcher, she's a vegetarian, his family is Forest Hill, hers isn't, his father died a week before the wedding, the maid of honor just lost a baby, the bridal consultant has a whip, the photographer has just borrowed it.

The groom steps on the glass and we all say "mazal tov" because at least he didn't cut his foot. So we know they've made it that far.

The problem with such cynicism is that I really believe it has no place at a wedding.

I cry at weddings. It makes no difference if the bride and groom are total strangers. I am moved to tears because all this underlying drama leads up to one unchangeable thing that is, I think, beyond cynicism: two people, the most precious investments their parents ever made, standing before a room filled with people in some way connected to them, voluntarily vowing to make a strong and loving mutual future against all the odds of nature, society and, probably, common sense.

There is nothing more beautiful.

Over the next few weeks, many of us will sit in rooms with people with whom we are in some way connected, vowing to make a better future, despite the odds. Would that we can all bring to it the purity of those moments under the chupah.

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B'nai B'rith's David Matas claims:

Canada seen too cautious in war crimes probes

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The "biological clock" is ticking and Canada is not moving fast enough in bringing Nazi war criminals to justice, a senior B'nai B'rith lawyer said recently.

"I just don't see the urgency" in the federal government, David Matas said recently following a meeting with Bill Hobson, the head of the justice department unit charged with investigating and prosecuting Nazi war criminals and Steven Beatty, Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn's secretary.

"This government is overcautious. It is not proceeding with a sense of urgency, enthusiasm or committment," said Matas, senior counsel to the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Charging war crimes investigators with being "too careful" and spending too much time pursuing evidentiary agreements with countries such as the Netherlands and Israel which were ready to cooperate anyway, Matas said the only two cases being pursued are those which had already been "fully developed."

Imre Finta, the only person charged under Canada's war crimes legislation, will appear in court on Sept. 15 to have a trial date set.

He is charged with forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter of Hungarian Jews while a mounted policeman in 1944. Some evidence of Finta's wartime acts was gathered for a libel case involving Finta and Sabina Citron, co-founder of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

The second case related to alleged war crimes is that of Jacob Luitjens, a retired lecturer at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. He is to appear in court later this month in an immigration proceeding. It is alleged he lied about his past when entering Canada. Holland has tried him in absentia for his wartime activities.

Matas said Justice Jules Deschenes, who investigated suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada, recommended prompt action in 20 cases and further investigation in more than 200 others. That was 1½ years ago and still only two cases have been the subject of legal actions, Matas noted.

The Winnipeg lawyer said the American Office of Special Investigations seems to have a "keener sense of the biological deadlines involved."

(Critics of this and of previous governments have argued that witnesses and the war crimes perpetrators are aging and the "biological time clock" requires prompt action.)

Matas said he saw "good intentions" among investigators, but "inadequate results because of a too-cautious approach."

But Yvan Roy, general counsel with the justice department, said he was "taken aback" by Matas's comments.

"How can you be too cautious when you must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt?" he asked.

Two cases are before the courts — "that's a lot" considering a number of circumstances: the events took place more than 40 years ago; witnesses have died; language is a problem in interviewing those still willing to testify.

Canada had to enter agreements to permit taking evidence abroad, and "that takes time," Roy said.

And the OSI has been successful in only about 30 cases in 10 years, he noted. That averages three per year, not much more than Canada's two cases.

The justice department won't file charges when there is insufficient evidence, he added. "It's a little bit unfair to say we are too cautious," Roy told The CJN.

Milton Harris, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' committee focusing on war criminals, said Congress has been assured the justice department is applying as many resources as are needed to investigate alleged war criminals.

Harris said he had been told there is "not yet enough evidence to lay a charge. For us to say they are going too slow would require particular knowledge (of what the investigators have found) that we don't have.

"We haven't any evidence that anything is being held up for anything other than legal reasons," Congress' former president said.

However Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said he believed the justice department is "extending the process until the war criminals are in their graves and the witnesses dead."

He said he was able to visit Romania and obtain access to their files on members of the fascist Iron Guard.

"They were dithering about a treaty, while I was collecting the information," he said.

"There are all those cases that merit investigation," he added. "It's painful to think it's taking so long."

Israeli, Chinese envoys meet

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Avraham Tamir, director-general of Israel's foreign ministry, met here last week with China's ambassador to the United Nations, Li Lu Ye.

China does not have diplomatic relations with Israel and meetings between officials of the two countries are rare.

According to sources here, the meeting lasted more than 90 minutes and focused on the current situation in the Middle East.

The Chinese ambassador told Tamir that his country is interested in bringing about a settlement to the Middle East conflict, and that China will not stand in the way of any comprehensive settlement in the region.

According to the sources, the meeting was "friendly and constructive."

Tamir was accompanied to the meeting by Israel's acting ambassador to the United Nations, Yohanan Bein.

The Name Game

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The rabbinic council of Lithuania attempted to ban lavish weddings on Sept. 4, 1637. This was one in a long series of declarations against conspicuous consumption during periods of relative prosperity that continue to our own day.

Tradition has long placed humility and modesty — with their implicit acknowledgement of God's centrality in the provision of all good things — as hallmarks of true Jewish character. They appeared to be violated by lavish wedding celebrations. Debated was whether the celebrants' proportional donation to tzedakah, when this was done, was of significant compensation. These considerations, which included Divine retribution, fear of arousing the envy of non-Jewish neighbors, and mounting social pressure on the poor, compelled rabbinic leadership to restrict the scale of weddings and the luxuriousness of clothing and jewelry.

As early as the 12th century, the Jewish preachers of Italy — medieval home of luxury in dress and food — urged restraint and moderation, even in the choice of Shabbat garb. In 1418, the communal leaders of Forli restricted the number of guests to weddings. Fines and taxes faced violators. Invitations were conveyed by the shammes, who kept the authorities informed. As the latter were often among the guests, direct monitoring was common.

The Forli leaders also declared that no men or women in the villages and towns under their jurisdiction "shall be so arrogant as to wear a fur-lined jacket . . . and no woman openly wear any girdle or belt if its silver weighs more than 10 ounces."

One gold ring

Two years earlier, it was ruled that "no man shall bear more than one gold ring on either hand, and no woman more than three."

Similar sumptuary laws were passed in pre-expulsion Spain and in Poland. The Lithuanian decree also sought to curb the perceived ostenation of segments of the community grown newly prosperous through trade and real estate.

They proved ineffective. Minute changes in the increasingly detailed specifications laid down allowed their observance in the letter, not the spirit. Often they were flouted altogether. Their enforcement was socially impossible. Complementing personal vanity was another long Jewish tradition, of dressing the household's women and children as finely as possible for Shabbat, the High Holydays, and festivals. For men, particularly in business, elegant clothing was not discouraged.

Chroniclers, writes Israel Abrahams in *Jewish Life in the Middle Ages*, attributed the frequent riots against Jews in pre-expulsion England "to the display which they made of their wealth." Italian moralists of the 13th century saw a degree of Divine punishment in the church's imposition of a yellow badge on Rome's Jews. The latter's confinement to a ghetto from the mid-18th century on, and their being restricted to dealing in old clothes, were linked in hushed tones to former ostentation.

Aspects of other calamities in Germany and Spain were seen as similarly related — and of the 1648 Chmielniki massacre of close to 200,000 Jews in southern Poland and the Ukraine. "Jeshurun waxed fat and knew Me not," the moralists quoted the Prophets. God, in turn, turned His face away and allowed envy and resentment to pour out in all their fury.

Lavish simchas in North America now were decried in an article in the December 1987 issue of Agudat Israel's magazine, the Jewish Observer, for the inordinate pressure they place on families of limited means. Approving letters to the editor in subsequent issues added their own comments. One urged a joint effort, "with the rich toning down their flaunting of their wealth and the poor desisting from creating destructive patterns of jealousy among themselves. Only then can any degree of brotherly love reign."

Another, by a Toronto yeshiva head, urged "rabbonim and roshei yeshiva" as well as lay leaders to set personal examples in their own simchas. A third letter said that if a notable officiating rabbi were to leave the "fancy rich hall before the chupah," that would deliver "a greater message than thousands of speeches."

Study probes changes in the IDF

NEW YORK (JTA) — A study completed in Israel on the behavior of occupying armies in modern history indicates that the Israel Defence Force is beginning to exhibit psychological symptoms of being occupiers.

The study was conducted over a 4-year period by Dr. Yoram Peri of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University. Its purpose was to evaluate what psychological effects Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip has had on members of the IDF.

During the course of the four years, Peri researched events in Israel and elsewhere, including Britain's military involvement in Northern Ireland. His study will be published by Westview Press of Boulder, Colo.

Peri, who is also deputy editor of the Israeli daily Davar, determined a threefold process that occurs in the occupier's psyche, beginning with development of a "political-military doctrine" within the army's ranks.

He found that this was followed by development of a "self-image crisis" among the soldiers, which finally led to a "crisis in civil-military relations."

Peri found this last problem most pronounced in a "citizen's army" where a majority of citizens do military service. The problem is exacerbated, he said, when there is a division of opinion regarding the occupation, and the subsequent resentment of the army's actions by a segment of society.

Without general societal support for the military, the army is compelled to take a more extreme stand, says Peri, which in turn aggravates the total situation.

Peri described the potential for "severe clashes with the government" when an army begins to veer from the government position following a long period of occupation, especially when confronted by rebellion within the populace.

In its extreme, he said, such tension between army and government could lead to a "full-fledged military coup."

Peri analyzed the behavior of individual soldiers in occupying armies and found that lengthy occupation, in situations of local opposition, could produce demoralization and what he calls the "pin-head syndrome," a tendency to keep a low profile and avoid responsibility.

Peri writes: "The average soldier or officer sees no forthcoming solution for ending the occupation and feels powerless to change the situation.

"This in turn produces an unwillingness to get involved and instead he opts to keep as low a profile as possible within his unit, or to leave the service altogether."

Peri compared other armies to the IDF and found that such behavior and attitudes had not existed in the Israeli army, even after 20 years of occupation, until the intifada.

In searching for reasons why such circumstances did not affect the IDF soldiers, Peri discovered that until the uprising began in December, the army encountered very little Palestinian resistance to the state of occupation.

In effect, their compliance made the IDF's job easier, ensuring a more "natural" situation, not only for the army but for the government and Israeli civilians.

Peri also found that there was a very high consensus of support for its army.

Lastly, he found that the IDF, foreseeing the effects of longtime occupation on the Palestinians, appointed civilian representatives to provide education, health and social organizations, thus minimizing military contact with the Palestinians.

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Justice and mercy

The High Holidays, which begin this year on the evening of Sept. 11, are occasions of solemn observance because of the nature of the occasion, the autumnal season and the high eloquence of the liturgy associated with the synagogue service.

These holidays have an incantatory quality about them: Jews who do not normally frequent synagogues will flock to them in great numbers, renewing friendships and reconnecting themselves to ancestral ties.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have been called Judaism's most theological holidays because they are anchored less in historical incidents than in personal reflection and meditation. Justice and mercy, the dominant ideas attached to the holidays, are universal themes.

The Days of Awe, as they are referred to in English, deal with the themes of life and death, birth and rebirth, sin and atonement, and the affirmation of God's rule and judgment.

These are demanding themes and it is not surprising that they elicit strong responses from the penitent who finds it comforting to join with fellow Jews in synagogue worship. The combination of prayer, listening to the shofar and deep introspection makes for a meaningful religious exercise.

Tradition dictates that the Jew is required to engage in a heshbon ha-nefesh, an accounting of his soul, during the High Holidays. The central part of the exercise is the Hebrew confession, composed on alphabetical lines. The prayers, however, are in the plural. "The community takes upon itself," says Jacob Neusner, "responsibility for what is done by it. All Israel is part of one community, one body; and all are responsible for the acts of each."

Part of the enchantment of Judaism, however, comes from the fact that while the liturgy speaks of "we" it targets the individual, giving him an opportunity to search his heart and mind. The sincere worshipper is aware of God's judgmental power but is presuaded that forgiveness is always available. As Heine once said: "God will forgive, that is His metier."

We wish all the readers of The CJN a Shana Tova Tikatevu.

Fascinating story

We note with much interest the important emphasis given to Canadian Jewry in Moses Rischin's new book, *The Jews of North America* (Wayne State University Press).

Six of the 15 chapters in this survey of North American Jewish history are devoted to the Canadian experience and deal with such varied topics as Canadian immigration policies towards Jews, early Canadian Zionism, Canada's stand on the creation of Israel and the relationship of poet A. M. Klein to French Quebec.

One of the most fascinating of the contributions is Gerald L. Gold's reconstruction of the history of the Jewish community in Timmins, Ont.

Prof. Gold, of York University in Toronto, has compared the fate of this northern Ontario Jewish outpost — which at one time had 122 Jewish families — with the small Jewish community of Opelousas, Louisiana.

Canadian Jews will, of course, be interested to learn that it was the attractions of the railroad and mining in the Porcupine belt which drew the first Jewish settlers into Timmins at the turn of the century.

By the 1940s Timmins could boast of a synagogue, three kosher butchers, a kosher bakery and a Zionist organization. The community, reports Gold, was so much involved with the larger civic aspects of Timmins that at its 1928 Purim ball a Gentile played the role of Queen Esther.

According to Gold's research, a Torontonian, Rabbi David Monson, did much to galvanize the Timmins Jewish community when he went to northern Ontario in 1938 as a young rabbinical student. He helped sensitize both Jews and Gentiles to the menace of Hitlerism and worked indefatigably to arouse anti-Nazi sentiment.

One of the things which distinguished the Jews of Timmins from their counterparts in Opelousas is that the Ontario community preserved its Jewish equilibrium religiously and socially. The constant arrival of new immigrants from the "south" fortified the small Jewish collective in Timmins. Intermarriage was rare.

Because of economic problems Timmins began to suffer in the 1950s and by the end of the 1970s out-migration of the city's Jews reduced the number of families from a high of 122 to 6. "The Timmins Jewish community still nurtures old friendships and meets regularly," notes Gold, "even with its former rabbi, but those meetings are 800 kilometres to the south, in Toronto."

We believe that historical research into the smaller Jewish communities of Canada is an important and valuable exercise. We would like to see more of this.

Fund proposed in T.S. Eliot's name

Racist poet still controversial

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The rats are underneath the piles.
The jew is underneath the lot.

My house is a decayed house,
And the jew squats on the window sill the owner,
Spawned in some estaminet in Antwerp.

These are lines from the vitriolic pen of Thomas Stearns Eliot (1888-1965), one of the most distinguished poets of the 20th century. They are taken from *Burbank with a Baedeker: Blaustein With a Cigar* and *Gerontian*, respectively.

Untold thousands of university students, including myself, have studied these and poems such as *Prufrock and Other Observations* and *The Waste Land.*

T.S. Eliot

Eliot, an American who adopted British citizenship, wrote poetry expressing the anguish and barrenness of modern life and the isolation of the individual in society.

And, as the aformentioned verses indicate, he was not particularly fond of Jews. Eliot, who won the 1946 Nobel Prize in literature, was plainly an upper-class snob who snubbed anyone but people like himself.

Eliot's name is in the news once again as a result of a controversy in Britain. On Sept. 26, the London Library plans to mark the centenary of his birth with the creation of a fund to help scholars and students.

The fund has attracted the support of several prominent Jews, including Lord Goodman, a lawyer known in the business and arts communities, and Sir Isaiah Berlin, the philosopher.

Another Jewish patron is Lewis Golden, treasurer of the library, who claims that Eliot changed his views after the Holocaust and wrote in 1948 of the "legacy of Greece, Rome and Israel."

The dispute surfaced several weeks ago when the Jewish Chronicle, the unofficial voice of British Jewry, questioned why Jews were involved in celebrating Eliot's birth, and noted that Eliot had been a champion of fascism in the 1920s and 1930s and had never renounced or retracted his anti-semitism.

Born in St. Louis, and educated at Harvard, the Sorbonne and Oxford, Eliot became a British citizen in 1927. From 1922 to 1939, he edited a quarterly, the Criterion, in which he allegedly promoted fascism.

The Criterion is said to have objected to Marxism on the grounds that Karl Marx was of Jewish extraction. The magazine, furthermore, was silent about Nazism and the persecution of Jews in Germany.

However, in 1941, Eliot called on Christians to protest against the enactment of anti-semitic laws in Vichy France.

Hyam Maccoby, author of a booklet on Eliot, writes that in the 1950s he, Eliot, wrote a letter to the New York Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association condemning anti-semitism. The letter, never made public at the time, was published in the memoirs of an American poet, John Malcolm Brinnin, in 1982.

Evidence suggests no change in views

According to the Jewish Chronicle, Eliot, when asked for his opinion about the persecution of Jewish intellectuals in the Soviet Union, replied: "Any country which denies the rights of its own citizens or makes pariahs of any body of its own nationals — and most especially the Jews — will sooner or later have to pay the full price for so doing..."

There is also evidence suggesting he never really jettisoned his views.

In 1952, he delivered the oration at the funeral of Charles Maurras, the leader of the anti-Jewish Action Francaise movement. After the Holocaust, Eliot allowed his anti-semitic poems to be published in a selected edition of his works. Michael Hastings, who wrote a play about Eliot's first marriage, claims that his private post-war letters are full of racist references to "kikes and niggers."

Hastings maintains that, in his personal life, Eliot remained a racist and an anti-semite. As he puts it: "You can't take the racism out of the man."

SOUL SURVIVOR

Barbara Taufar, the 44-year-old daughter of an SS officer, and Austria's former press and cultural attache in Israel, converted to Judaism last year and now lives in Jerusalem. Her conversion, she says, was the culmination of a 25-year search for "the historic power of Jewish culture, for God and for fate."

Born to a Catholic family, Taufar worked on a popular Austrian newspaper after taking a course in public relations. In 1962, through an interview, she met an Israeli mime artist who aroused her interest in Israel.

Taufar's relationship with her parents was "torn to shreds" after they were unable to explain why they had not opposed the Nazis. She moved to West Germany and found a job on a newspaper owned by Axel Springer, the pro-Israel magnate.

After the Six Day War, Taufar went to Israel. There, she met, and later married, Austria's press and cultural attache, whose Jewish father had committed suicide following Austria's amalgamation into Germany.

The marriage didn't last, and Taufar returned to Austria, where she

Barbara Taufar

joined the staff of Profil, the magazine that was to break the story of Kurt Waldheim's Nazi past.

In the meantime, Taufar joined the Socialist Party, and met the Austrian chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, a Jew. In 1975, he sent Taufar to Jerusalem to take up her ex-husband's position. She stayed for 10 years, during which time she started lighting Sabbath candles, learned Hebrew at an ulpan and began to observe the Jewish holidays.

Then she was transferred to Paris, and realized that she missed the Sabbath, the festivals, the spirituality, the Jewishness. "I had to become Jewish. Without knowing it, for 25 years I had been like a cat treading round a fire," she said in a recent interview."

With the help of a friend, she met Meir Blau, the Chief Rabbi of Netanya, whose brother, Naftali, she had known in Israel as press secretary to the minister of defence.

Rabbi Blau converted Taufar in a strictly Orthodox ceremony. But her problems were not over. The Austrian foreign ministry was not geared for diplomats who sought time off for Jewish holidays and early Fridays.

Unwilling to fight the ruling, she immigrated to Israel. With the assistance of the mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, a Viennese, she got a job at the Israel Museum. Now she is content. "At last I know where I belong, where I am at home, where my God is. Sometimes I think that one of the six million has given me his soul."

REPORTING FROM MOSCOW

Whitman Bassow, in *The Moscow Correspondents (William Morrow & Company, $18.95 U.S.)*, relates the history of the most exclusive club in American journalism — the men and women who have reported from the Soviet Union from the 1917 revolution to the present.

According to Bassow, a Moscow reporter himself, the Refusenik/dissident story stirred more controversy among correspondents than any other in post-war Russia. Some reporters believed that it merited close attention, but others were of the view that it involved a small group of people and was therefore of no real importance.

The doyen of Moscow reporters was Henry Shapiro, who, with interruptions, headed UPI's bureau there for four decades. Shapiro's stint, unmatched by anyone else, spanned purges, World War II, the Cold War, the Khrushchev era, de-Stalinization, Sputniks, the Brezhnev decade, detente and Refuseniks.

Bassow's book, which is informative and lively, is full of good stories, one of the best being about Golda Meir when she was Israel's first ambassador to Moscow.

Joseph Newman, a correspondent, filed colorful stories about her contacts with Soviet Jews in the capital — but not a word was permitted to be transmitted. Only after Newman left the country was he able to report on the Meir story.

Opinion

Historic developments in Mideast

Despite positive events, 5748 a painful, divisive year

By
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Part 1 of a 2 part series

The year 5748 will long be remembered as one of the most painful and divisive ever for Jews in Israel and around the world.

Remembered on Israel's 40th anniversary will be the Palestinian uprising in the territories, stone throwing, killings, forest fires, strikes, daily distortions in the media, and Jordan's pullout from the West Bank.

Despite the Palestinian uprising and its reverberations around the world, Jews witnessed some positive events: governments reestablishing links with Israel, hope for glasnost and perestroika with cracks in the hitherto rigid anti-Israel stance of the Russians, increased emigration of Soviet Jews, and the reaffirmation of support for Israel in the United States and Canada.

To the surprise of most news analysts, the Labor-Likud disunited "unity government" limped on to the finish line, struggling with unfinished business: Who is a Jew, peace talks, religious strife, Taba, mounting criticism of Israel's policies from the international community and from Jews in the Diaspora, and ongoing economic and security problems that have plagued Israel since its birth in 1948.

In Canada, the Jewish community was shocked by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's unprecedented speech at the annual Canada-Israel Committee conference in Ottawa, criticizing Israel's policies regarding the Palestinian unrest in Gaza and the territories. And Canadians were stunned by an editorial in the Toronto Star reminding the Jewish community in Canada that "they are citizens of Canada, not Israel."

Canadians were faced with many issues: free trade, refugee legislation, amendments to the Meech Lake Accord, the October stock market crash, the Zundel trial, Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad, James Keegstra, Malcolm Ross, Montebello and Imre Finta.

There were some dark clouds on the horizon, and many problems to be solved, but as 5748 dawned, the outlook in Israel wasn't so bad. Shortly after the new year began, the unrest and rebellion in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, which had been sporadic and scattered since Israel's occupation of the territories captured in the Six Day War in 1967, escalated, taking its toll both on Jews and moderate Arabs.

In Gaza, a series of violent incidents, accompanied by stone throwing, tire burning and demonstrations, claimed the lives of close to a dozen Palestinian Arabs and several Israeli Jews including, a shopper, a labor contractor, the comander of the military police, and a Shin Bet agent. There were ongoing eruptions in the West Bank — Israel experienced tree terrorism, the worst example of arson in its history as 80,000 trees on 1,150 acres of land went up in flames in the Jerusalem area and 150 forest fires raged in the northern Galilee.

Early in December, the time-bomb exploded. A terrorist's glider plane attacked an Israel army base near the northern border. The lone assailant killed six Israeli soldiers and wounded seven before he himself was gunned down. This incident is believed to have been the spark for the uprising. It gave the Palestinians a new confidence and it demonstrated that Palestinian tactics had changed.

Trouble in Gaza escalated shortly after a heavy Israeli truck killed four Arabs. The Arabs charged that the driver ran them down intentionally in revenge for the glider attack. The truck driver was later disciplined.

Despite Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's dismissal of talk of a revolt in the territories, Israel was seriously challenged on the diplomatic, domestic and propaganda fronts as she tried to quell the worst outbreak of violence in 20 years.

Day by day, Shamir was proven wrong as the violence increased and the number of Palestinians killed and wounded and Israeli troops hurt trying to control the riots, rose dramatically. As well, a civil disobedience campaign, strikes and a boycott on Israeli products added fuel to the fire. Israel's image was battered in the media as daily scenes were projected of well-armed Israeli soldiers running after unarmed stone-throwing Arab youths or a young child clinging to its mother for protection, generating sympathy for the Palestinians.

The "intifada" raged and the numbers of Palestinian demonstrators wounded and dead rose daily. A Jewish settler from Beit-El was attacked by an unknown assailant when his car was firebombed in December. Chaim Herzog, who was elected president for a second 5-year term, offered a resounding challenge to American Jewish leaders who criticized Israel's policy of putting down rioting in the territories. Herzog spoke up after the American Jewish Congress sharply criticized Israel, saying that the "brutalization of innocent" must not only be stopped immediately but repudiated.

Hit by a Molotov cocktail while driving in the Gaza Strip, Smadar Kremer was badly burned as were other members of her family. [IPPA photo]

A small chorus of American Jews, including Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, spoke out against Israel's policy of beatings and curfews. However, other groups joined the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in giving support to Israel on its handling of the unrest.

Within weeks of the outburst of violence, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon and others were calling for more aggressive measures to end the uprising.

Prime Minister Shamir, in a message aimed directly at American Jews, declared that the rioting on the West Bank and Gaza Strip is not a struggle for Palestinian rights, but a new stage in the Arab war to destroy the State of Israel.

Jewish community leaders remain divided over Israeli policies. Some leaders who have taken a public stand, urge Israel to trade territory for peace. More hawkish groups, who criticize American Jews for taking a public position on issues affecting Israeli security, reject these propositions.

In March, the Jewish-Arab conflict continued to deteriorate as three Israeli civilians were killed in a bus hijacking on a desolate road between Dimona and Arad. The three Arab terrorists who hijacked the civilian bus were killed during the subsequent storming of the bus by police.

Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat claimed that the United States had given Israeli agents the green light to assassinate the PLO's No. 2 man, Khalil Al-Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad, or Father of War. Al-Wazir's slaying set off some of the worst rioting in the territories.

Shortly after, a ranking PLO official claimed that the PLO no longer calls for Israel's destruction, and in fact, dropped the demand 14 years ago. Shallah Kallar, also known as Abu Iyad, said the PLO is prepared to have a common border with Israel in a Palestinian state. The Israeli government continues to forbid contact with members of organizations outlawed by the state. In June, four Israelis were found guilty and convicted for meeting with PLO representatives in Romania in November, 1986.

With continuing incidents such as the attack on 16 teenage hikers from Elon Moreh in April, where Tirza Porat was killed by a bullet fired from the rifle of one of two guards who accompanied the hikers during a scuffle between the guard and assailant who seized the rifle, it beeame evident that the uprising was not going to dissipate.

Although the media coverage of Israel projected the image that the entire country was gripped with turbulent waves of violence and instability, on-the-scene observers, Israelis and tourists, reported that the media were presenting a distorted image of daily life in Israel, and in fact, by their presence, contributed to the outbreaks of rioting and violence. Over the long hot summer, the uprising appeared to lose some momentum. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned the Knesset that, "the intifada has only cooled off on the surface, while underneath the coals are glowing as hot as before."

The cold blooded stabbing and beating of 33-year-old Eli Cohen, an Israeli farmer, at Moshav Shekef, located midway between Kiryat Gat and Hebron, the first Israeli civilian to be killed within the Green Line, gave evidence that the intifada was moving into Israel. By July, Palestinians from the territories who worked in Israel, redoubled their efforts to set fire to fields, grazing land and forests.

Last month, King Hussein of Jordan announced that he was cutting links with the territories. Shamir immediately responded that Israel would block the PLO from taking Jordan's place in the occupied areas. About 40% of the territories' work force or more than 100,000 workers are employed in Israel, inside the pre-1967 borders. This link that bound the territories to Israel and provided income for thousands of families, has been broken causing serious unemployment in the administered lands.

Peace conference issue splits big parties

To date the death toll since the disturbances began in December stands at more than 230 Palestinians and four Israelis. The Palestinian uprising, now nearing the end of its ninth month, has become a chronic condition of disorder and a major issue in Israel's election which will be held in November.

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An international conference for Middle East peace to serve as a framework for direct Israeli-Arab negotiations, is high on the agenda for the election. The split along party lines, remains a heated issue in Israel's unity coalition government.

The Labor Party platform endorses the idea of an international conference on Middle East peace, advanced by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and supported by King Hussein, but Likud refuses to accept any sort of international conference.

Shamir has managed to close the popularity gap considerably in recent months, according to a public opinion poll. The fact that the Palestinian uprising has lasted this long, gives the Likud a weapon against Labor.

In June, an electoral reform bill which would replace the present system of proportional representation, passed its first reading in the Knesset by an impressive 69 to 37 majority. It would institute the direct election of the Knesset's 120 members on a regional basis. The Orthodox fiercely oppose the bill. The present system has prevented any single party from governing except in coalition with disparate and often recalcitrant splinter parties.

The latest addition to Israel's crowded political spectrum, the Centre Party, recently held its founding convention in Jerusalem with pledges from its leaders to support peace and compromise. The new party is an amalgam of three small factions that never found their way into the political mainstream.

When the Labor Party produced its Knesset election list in June, it was a surprise that Abba Eban, Israel's former foreign minister who served as ambassador to Washington and the United Nations, and one of the party's best known and revered members, had failed to win a place on the first batch of 10 candidates. He was defeated for a spot on the second batch of 10 and refused to stand for the third batch.

After resigning as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations to run for the Knesset, Benjamin Netanyahu began his election campaign as a militant Likud-Herut hardliner. Herut is the larger component of Likud. The Herut central committee propelled Netanyahu to the number 1 spot on its list. Another young activist, Benjamin Zeev Begin, son of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, took the third spot after Moshe Katsav, the minister of labor and social affairs.

If Israeli Arabs were to vote as a bloc, they could win 12 to 14 seats in the November election, and perhaps hold the balance of power in the next Knesset. Parties of the Left, Labor, Mapam and the Citizen's Rights Movement, all have Arab candidates high up on their lists, and Labor and the Centre Party have Druse candidates.

Religous polarization betwen the ultra-Orthodox and non-Orthodox continued to be Israel's No. 1 source of conflict among the Jewish population.

The secular community won a major victory when a Jerusalem court struck down a city ordinance banning the commercial screening of films on the Sabbath. The Orthodox took the fight to the Knesset, the cabinet, and into the streets. In December, thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews disrupted traffic on Jaffa Road in a mass demonstration against Sabbath desecration. They recited prayers of mourning and waved signs reading, "Observe the Sabbath" and "The KGB has come to Israel."

In another landmark decision, the Tel Aviv city council prepared for a tough political fight after the High Court of Justice approved a measure which would allow women to help choose the city's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi and sit on religious councils. The Labor faction nominated two women to the council, which caused a split between the Likud and the Alignment blocs.

Israel's Supreme Court ordered the Tel Aviv city council to allow women members to serve on the religious committee.

The orders, which chip away the Orthodox religious establishment's exclusion of women from meaningful participation in religious affairs, led to a joint statement issued by Israel's two Chief Rabbis Avraham Shapira (Ashkenazi) and Mordechai Eliahu (Sephardi), warning that scholars and rabbis might refuse to sit on religious councils all over the country if women were allowed as members.

In an historic decision, the Conservative movement's Cantors Assembly voted to reject a move to admit qualified women members. The vote was 97-95 against admitting women being awarded a degree of cantor by the Jewish Theological Seminary's Cantors Institute into the ranks of the world's largest professional body of cantors.

At a meeting of the principal institutions of the worldwide Conservative movement in Jerusalem, the first four Israelis to become Conservative rabbis were ordained at ceremonies on Mount Scopus.

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In the diplomatic corps, along with Mohammed Massarwa, the consul-general in Atlanta, Georgia, who is an Israeli Arab, Israel's new ambassador to Finland is also an Arab. And Israel expanded its network of diplomatic ties, establishing relations with several new states including the Federation of Micronesian States, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

In October, a Soviet consular delegation in Israel extended its stay at the end of their originally scheduled 3-month visit. Observers in Jerusalem said that although the Soviets came to Israel ostensibly to deal with Russian property and with consular affairs, their presence constitutes semi-permanent official Soviet representation. Believed to be the first time since 1967, a Soviet diplomat, the Soviet ambassador to Montevideo, officially invited an Israeli ambassador to an October Revolution anniversary party.

When five Israeli diplomats arrived recently in

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Opinion

Interests section opened in Dutch embassy

First Israeli envoys in 21 years posted in Moscow

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Moscow, the first to set foot on Soviet soil in 21 years, Soviet officials all but ignored them. They were supposedly visiting the Dutch. Two members of the Dutch embassy were there to meet them. The Israelis were there to open a full-time interests section at the Dutch embassy. Nevertheless, Jerusalem saw the mission as an historic event one of the biggest steps in the resumption of full diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

In an attempt to stem the tide of Soviet Jews who arrive in Vienna and then drop out to America, Israel has changed the rules for granting visas to Jews leaving the Soviet Union. The Israeli cabinet voted in June to require all Soviet Jews leaving on Israeli visas to fly from Moscow to Tel Aviv via Bucharest, Romania, where they would pick up the visas. Other Jews seeking to leave the Soviet Union will have to apply for visas from the country of their choice.

Former Refusenik Natan Sharansky, who spent nearly a decade in Soviet prisons and labor camps, was inducted into the Israel Defence Force.

In October, the John Demjanjuk trial, which was interrupted when Judge Zvi Tal had a heart attack, resumed in Jerusalem. The 66-year-old Ukrainian-born former automobile worker from Cleveland was accused of being the brutal Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible," and for war crimes and crimes against the Jewish people and humanity. After the year-long trial, in April, a 3-judge panel delivered a guilty verdict and sentenced Demjanjuk to death by hanging for committing sadistic war crimes. Demjanjuk has appealed the verdict. The appeal is to be heard in December by a 5-justice panel of the High Court of Justice.

Charged with nuclear espionage and treason, 34-year-old Mordechai Vanunu, who once worked at the Dimona nuclear facility and later left Israel and converted to the Anglican faith, was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment by a Jerusalem district court.

In June, Israel's Supreme Court upheld a deportation order against Mubarak Awad, 44, a Palestinian activist and American citizen. Awad, who lived in the United States for 15 years before returning to his native East Jerusalem in 1985 to found the Centre for the Study of Non-Violence, was charged by Israeli authorities of helping to direct the Palestinian uprising in the territories.

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In the economic arena, runaway inflation has been arrested and the problem is to hold the line and keep the national budget under control. Moshe Nissim, the Israeli finance minister says his 1985 stabilization program has succeeded: inflation which soared to 450% several years ago, was down to 20% in 1986 and dropped to 13% in 1987. But in May, the consumer price index shocked the economic establishment by rising 2.7%, the highest single monthly increase since 1986.

For months, intensive informal talks have taken place to find a solution to Israel's public-hospital crisis. Doctors have been disrupting hospital functioning for months in support of pay claims leading to huge backlogs of patients waiting for surgery and other forms of treatment. In July, the doctors rejected a formula proposed by a cabinet committee to end the 7-month crisis in the public health system, while the minister of finance threatened to resign if it were implemented. A settlement has been reached.

At a press conference recently, millionaire oil magnate Dr. Armand Hammer told the press that drilling for oil on Israel's first offshore platform should begin by the end of the year.

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At the beginning of the year, Israeli tourism was setting records with a 37.6% gain for the first 11 months of 1987. Despite the unrest, tourist levels continued to increase until March. By May, the hotel industry was facing a crisis. As a result of the uprising, tourism, particularly Jewish tourism, had declined sharply. As Jews from the Diaspora cancelled trips to Israel in droves, Rauit Naor, 25, an El Al stewardess launched a 1-woman campaign. She sent letters to Jewish millionaires, Jewish newspapers, heads of Jewish organizations and to her friends around the world, asking them to visit Israel.

Although a 36% increase in immigration was reported by Israel last year, the statistics indicate that the 1987 aliya figures were boosted mainly by Soviet Jews.

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In the sports arena, the International Tennis Federation rejected a request by the All-India Lawn Tennis Federation to switch the April 7-9 Davis Cup World Group playoff between Israel and India to London from its scheduled Ramat Hasharon venue. The reason given by the Indians was that they were apprehensive about coming to Israel due to the unrest. In March, India agreed to play in Israel as scheduled, but cancelled out at the last minute.

The Israeli Tennis Association is to receive payment of $40,000 from its Indian counterpart as compensation for the expenses incurred after the arangements had almost been completed and 9,000 of the 14,000 available tickets had been sold. And in March, at the very last minute, the Polish Tennis Federation cancelled the scheduled 4-week visit to Israel of 12 of its leading men and women players, including its Davis Cup and national youth squads, also saying that it was because of the security situation in the territories.

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In Canada, Daniel Azrieli, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, served as national chairman of the Canadian Jewish community's celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary. It was celebrated throughout the year, with special programs across the country on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Debate continued over the Meech Lake Accord, which brings Quebec into the constitutional fold and strengthens the powers of the provinces. A spokesman for the Canadian Jewish Congress urged the government to amend the accord stating that it weakens the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Canadian Jewish community was shocked and dazed by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's speech on March 10, at the annual Canada-Israel Committee conference in Ottawa.

Clark criticized Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprisings, calling it "unacceptable, illegal, and shocking." His remarks were received by the large audience with boos, jeers, catcalls . . . and some members of the audience walked out. Protests poured into government and the CIC from across Canada. Several days later, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney told the media that Clark was merely being frank with a "friend" when he criticized Israel for its hard-line policies. The furor appeared to subside several weeks later, after Clark met with a 7-member delegation of the CIC executive for a 90-minute discussion on Parliament Hill. Clark repeated a pledge to uphold long-standing Canadian support for Israel.

Star editorial questioning loyalty draws wide criticism

On March 12, an editorial in the Toronto Star praised Clark for his controversial speech to the CIC as "a necessary reminder to members of the Jewish community in Canada that they are citizens of Canada, not Israel." An avalanche of criticism from Canadian Jews followed the editorial that questioned the loyalty of Jews in Canada. The Ontario Press Council upheld complaints against the Star. The newspaper refused to offer an apology.

Palestinian Arab newspaper editor Hanna Siniora was the first witness to testify in March at a House of Commons committee hearing into the treatment of Palestinians in the territories. And in May, 43-year-old Knesset member Ehud Olmert was the second witness to appear before the human rights committee.

A 2-day private seminar involving 15 Canadian Jewish and 15 Arab representatives, took place at the Chateau Montebello in Quebec, April 28-29, under auspices of Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security. The purpose of the seminar was to discuss ways to improve communications between the two groups. Criticism was heaped on the group organizers for the secrecy of the meeting and a second scheduled meeting in August was cancelled.

Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek was excluded from full participation in an international Capitals of the World conference of mayors of capital cities held in Ottawa last October. However, the mayor of Tripoli in Libya was invited despite the fact that the Canadian government, which contributed $200,000 to the conference, has a policy of not inviting Libyan delegations to conferences it sponsors.

The national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress joined a coalition of other North American organizations in opposing changes to Israel's Law of Return which permits Jews to immigrate to Israel and receive immediate citizenship. There is no definition in the law on what constitutes a conversion. Toronto's Vaad Harabonim (Orthodox rabbinical council) and two Montreal religious bodies, the Rabbinical Council of America, Quebec Region and the Vaad Harabonim of the Vaad Ha'ir (The Jewish Community Council of Montreal) protested and urged the CJC to cancel its decision to oppose the changes to the Law of Return, but Congress stood pat. The Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism's delegates from across Canada, passed a resolution of support for the position taken by the CJC.

Retired Toronto resteraunter Imre Finta was arrested in December as he attempted to leave the country. Finta, 77, was charged with forcible confinement, kidnapping, and manslaughter in connection with the deportation of 8,615 Jews in Szeged, Hungary between April 7 and June 30, 1944. Finta's trial date is expected to be set this month. He will be the first to be tried under the new Canadian legislation.

A delegation from the Canadian justice ministry is in Holland to gather evidence on Jacob Luitjens, a suspected Nazi war criminal. Dutch-born Luitjens, a retired University of British Columbia lecturer convicted of collaborating with the Nazis, was sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment by a military tribunal in Holland in 1948. He fled the country and cannot be extradicted to serve his sentence because Holland's extradition treaty with Canada does not include war crimes. However, Luitjens could lose his Canadian citizenship and be deported for having lied about his Nazi past when he entered the country.

In January, the new trial of Ernst Zundel, who was found guilty of publishing a booklet titled Did Six Million Really Die?, which claimed the Holocaust was a hoax gets underway in Toronto. The Ontario Court of Appeal overturned Zundel's 1985 conviction after the court found errors in the jury selection process, in the evidence that was admitted and in District Court Judge Hugh Locke's charge to the jury.

For a second time, Zundel had to answer charges under section 177 of the Criminal Code, the "false news" provision. In May, after a lengthy and tedious trial, Zundel was found guilty and sentenced to nine months by District Court Judge Ron Thomas. He was released on bail pending an appeal, a process which could last months.

In June, an Alberta Court of Appeal struck down Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code of Canada, the law introduced to protect minorities from racial and religious vilification. This renders Canada's anti-hate law "of no force and effect" in Alberta. The decision overturned the fine of $5,000 meted out by the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in 1985 to former Eckville school teacher Jim Keegstra for promoting hatred against Jews. Under the anti-hate law, Keegstra was convicted for teaching his social studies classes that Jews fomented revolutions and wars, and had lied about the Holocaust.

The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled in a unanimous decision that Section 281.2 is not an infringement on free speech. And Alberta's attorney-general announced that his government will appeal Alberta's Court of Appeal decision that ruled that the law was a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Supreme Court of Canada will decide on the constitutionality of the law.

In New Brunswick, the minister of justice announced that he was considering a review of the previous government's decision not to prosecute Moncton area school teacher Malcolm Ross for allegedly promoting hatred against an identifiable group. Ross publishes anti-semitic books and letters claiming there is an international Jewish conspiracy for world domination and that the Holocaust did not occur. In December, the attorney-general closed its file on Ross stating that the law was inadequate and there was "no reasonable chance for success."

In March, Rev. James Leland, a United Church minister in Florenceville, N.B., about 70 miles north of Fredericton, filed a complaint with the RCMP against Ross who recently published, *The Spectre of Power*, a book which claims the existence of a worldwide Jewish conspiracy. Shortly after the publication, the school board reprimanded Ross for publishing the book. The book, which was being sold at bookstores, was taken off the shelves of the University of New Brunswick's bookstore.

Ross filed a grievance with the board and appeared before a closed session of the District 15 school board to protest the rebuke which was issued after the publication of his book. The New Brunswick Human Rights Committee announced

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Palestinian youths hurl rocks at Israeli troops and news photographers in the Gaza Strip. Burning tires and debris blocks the road. [RNS photo]

Terrorist battles to stay

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in June that Ross would be investigated by the government to see if his writings have affected his students. The commission has the power to force Ross to quit.

White supremacist John Ross Taylor, leader of the racist Western Guard Party, won the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. Taylor was found quilty of contempt of court after he continued making anti-semitic telephone messages following a court ordering him to stop. He was sentenced to one year in jail for spreading hate messages by phone.

Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad, 46, of Brantford, Ont., a convicted Palestinian terrorist who killed an Israeli during an attack on an El Al plane in Athens in 1968, obtained a Canadian immigrant visa in Madrid in January 1987, after he lied about his background.

A Greek court sentenced Mohammad in 1970 to 17 years and five months for his role in the attack. He was released in a hostage exchange in 1971 and deported to Lebanon. A Canadian deportation hearing set for January was temporarily suspended and will resume shortly.

The Winnipeg branch of B'nai B'rith League of Human Rights was ordered by a jury to pay $400,000 and its former chairman, Israel Ludwig, $1, for defamation of character, to Luba Fedorkiw, a Winnipeg teacher, former school trustee, and unsuccessful Progressive Conservative candidate in the 1984 federal election. Fedorkiw brought suit as a result of a story which appeared in the Winnipeg Sun, at the height of the last federal election campaign which reported on the League's investigation into allegations of anti-semitism coming from the campaign.

Gerry Weiner, MP for the Montreal riding of Dollard, was appointed minister of state for multiculturalism in April and Barbara McDougall, Toronto MP for the heavily Jewish riding of St. Paul's was promoted to minister of employment and immigration.

As the federal election kicked into gear and nomination battles began, Toronto Liberal MP Rev. Roland de Corneille, a long-time friend and supporter of Israel and the Jewish community, lost his right to represent Eglinton-Lawrence in the next election. Separate School vice-principal Joe Volpe became the party's candidate for the riding.

Montreal began the new year as it celebrated the 70th anniversary of Allied Jewish Community Services, Canada's first Jewish health and welfare federation. Some 70 pioneers of federation activity participated in the ceremonies which opened the "Corridor of History" in Cummings House.

Neri Bloomfield of Montreal, a long time Zionist leader, was elected national president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada. Montreal's Barbara Cummings became the first woman member of the Royal St. Louis Kiwanis Club. And Joseph Joffre, who was born in Riga, Latvia on March 10, 1875, turned 113. If Joffre had proof of his birth date, he would be the oldest person on record in the world.

In Ontario, Monte Kwinter, minister of industry, trade and technology, Elinor Caplan, health minister, and Chaviva Hosek, minister of housing, became part of Liberal Premier David Peterson's 30-member administration. Two remaining Jewish MPPs were named as parliamentary assistants, Steve Offer and Ron Kanter. Premier Peterson also appointed two Jews as deputy ministers — Dr. Martin Barkin, former president and chief executive officer of Sunnybrook Medical Centre was named deputy minister of health and Elaine Todres, former assistant deputy minister of the Ontario Women's Directorate, was named deputy minister of the human resources secretariat.

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Believed to be Canada's largest orthodox synagogue, the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation was dedicated in March. The synagogue's sanctuary has more than 900 permanent seats, the social hall holds up to 1,200 people and as a meeting hall, the room holds up to 3,000 people.

A proposal to cut $300,000 of the government's yearly funding to Calgary's main Jewish school as early as September, 1990, would force the school to double tuition fees from the current average of $2,000 per year per student to close to $4,000 per pupil.

Calgary police arrested two supporters of the Ku Klux Klan in connection with a plot to murder a prominent Jewish businessman and blow up the Calgary Jewish Centre.

Canada's first Hebrew day school, a pioneer in Jewish educational institutions, the Edmonton Talmud Torah, is 75 years old.

A Saint John's radio station, CFBC, was fined $5,000 for allowing anti-Jewish and anti-Black comments on the air. The radio station was charged under the federal Broadcasting Act.

Vancouver's community leaders dedicated the new home of Temple Sholom, on Oak St., BC's only Reform synagogue. The original building was destroyed in a firebomb attack at its former location 3 years ago.

And Naomi Frankenburg of Vancouver made history at the 32nd biennial convention of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO when she was elected national president of the 17,000 member organization. She is the first presidential nominee in the 70-year history of the organization who was challenged for the position.

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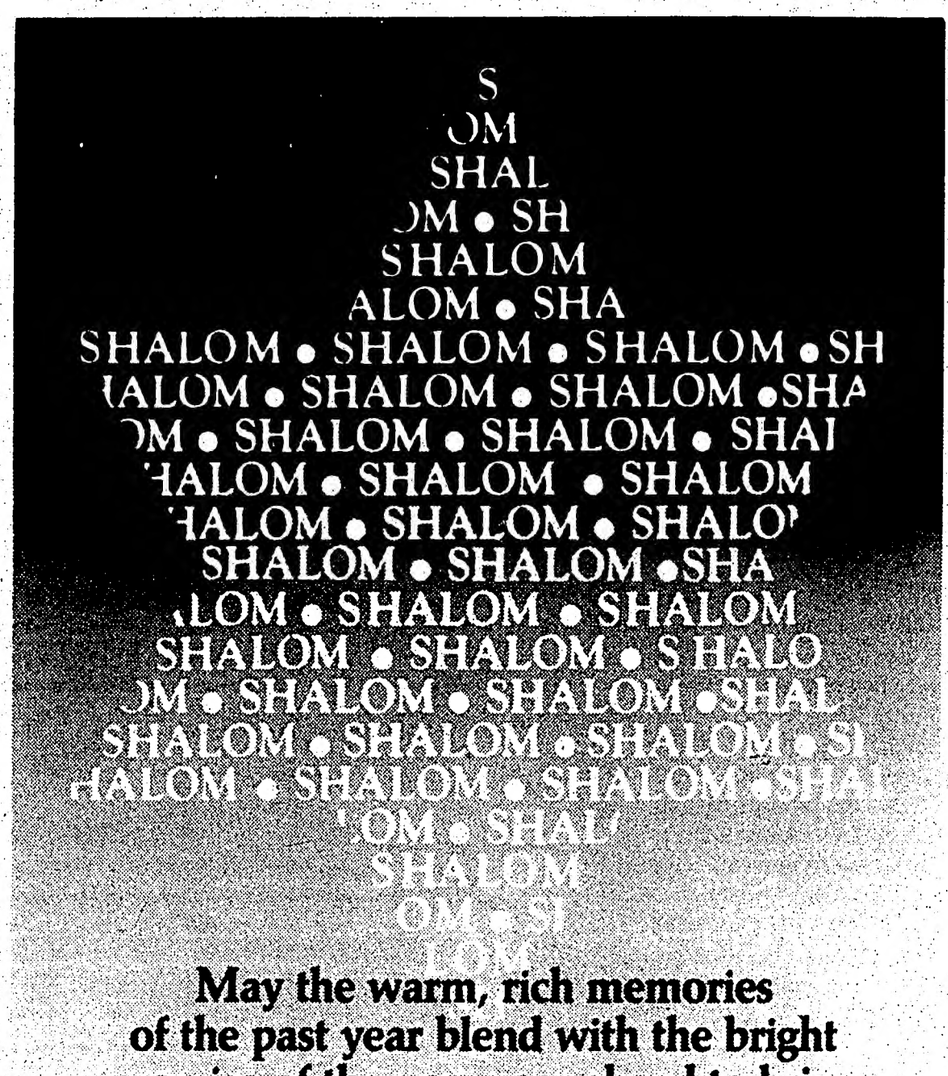

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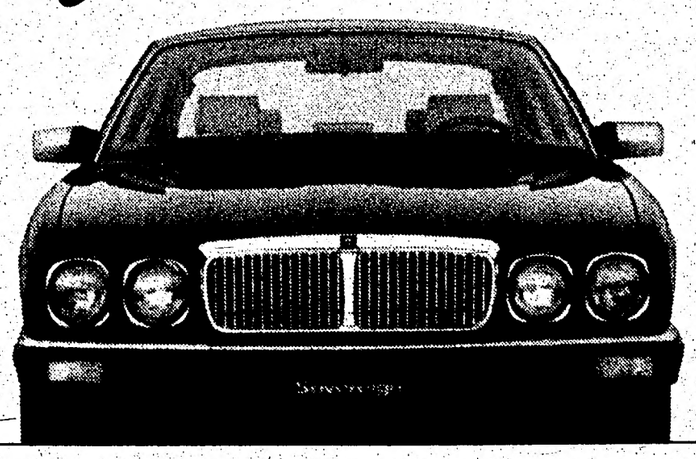

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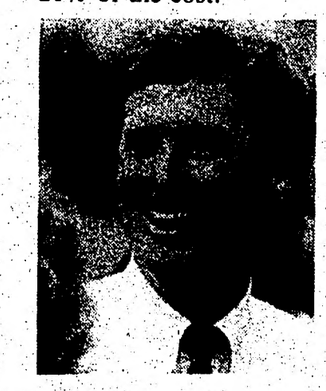
Vice-presidential candidates analyzed on views

WASHINGTON (JTA) — While both of this year's vice-presidential candidates are considered strong on Israel, neither was at the forefront in fighting for pro-Israel measures on and off the floor of the Senate, an analysis of their voting records shows.

Pro-Israel activists credit Sen. Dan Quayle with playing a key role on the Senate armed services committee in helping gain funding for joint U.S.-Israeli research on strategic defence, commonly known as Star Wars.

They said Quayle helped set the cost-sharing formula for research on the Arrow anti-tactical ballistic missile, whereby the United States pays 80% and Israel 20% of the cost.



Dan Quayle

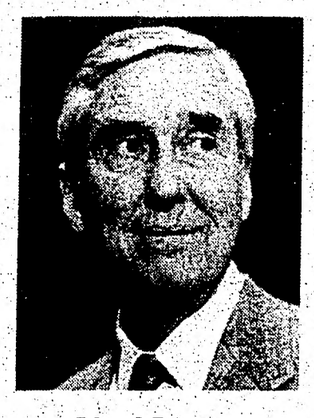
Sen. Lloyd Bentsen gets the credit, the Israeli activists said, for his role in implementing the 1985 U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area agreement.

Also, as Senate finance committee chairman, Bentsen co-sponsored an amendment to the Trade Bill this year with Sen. Robert Packwood that protects the agreement against protectionist measures in the Trade Bill itself.

On domestic issues, Bentsen gets more favorable marks from Democratic Jewish activists.

The consensus is that both Vice-President George Bush and Gov. Michael Dukakis picked two of the more conservative members of their respective parties.

On the issue of abortion, Bentsen defends women's rights, unlike Quayle, who opposes it and even voted Sept. 30, 1987 to oppose the use of federal funds for abortions in cases of rape and incest.



Lloyd Bentsen

Both have supported a constitutional amendment favoring prayer in public schools.

On Soviet Jewry, Bentsen opposes, while Quayle supports, the amendment by conservative colleague Sen. James McClure that some Jewish activists feel might gut the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Amendment.

McClure's measure would tie conferral of most-favored-nation status on the Soviet Union to overall kremlin compliance with the 1975 Helsinki Accords, and not just to the treaty's emigration standards.

On one of McClure's attempts to pass the amendment, Quayle was one of 28 senators supporting it, while Bentsen was one of 67 in the opposition.

On arms sales to Arab countries, they were not as consistently opposed to them as colleagues like Packwood and Sen. Daniel Inouye.

But Bentsen has opposed most of the key arms sales to Arab countries, while Quayle has not.

• In 1981, Quayle helped President Reagan gain approval for the sale of AWACS surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia, while Bentsen opposed it.

• In 1985, both sponsored a "sense of the Senate" resolution opposing a sale of advanced weapons to Jordan until it began peace negotiations with Israel.

Bentsen, and not Quayle, later joined 74 colleagues in formally opposing it.

• In 1986, Quayle backed an arms sale to Saudi Arabia before and after Reagan vetoed a congressional effort to block it. Bentsen originally opposed it and was the first Democrat on the override vote to switch to the President's side.

Pro-Israel analysts said they did not consider the vote on the override a "key vote," since the most objectionable component of the sale, Stinger missiles, had been removed.

• Neither signed a joint resolution in June 1987 opposing the sale of 1,600 Maverick D missilies to Saudi Arabia, and in September, neither was among the 68 senators who signed a letter opposing the sale that prodded Reagan to remove the Mavericks from the arms package.

On foreign aid, both have less than perfect records, although Bentsen has been more likely to vote for a foreign aid package.

But pro-Israel activists said Quayle, who opposes allocations to multilateral organizations and to some countries in the bills, has told them he would vote for foreign aid to Israel if it were to receive its money on a separate vote.

On July 7, Quayle opposed the most recent foreign aid appropriations bill, along with about 14 colleagues. An analyst added that Quayle opposed two of the six most important foreign aid bills since he was elected to the Senate in 1980, and that he "almost always" opposed foreign aid bills while in the House.

Bentsen, by comparison, supported 20 of the 32 major foreign aid votes while in the Senate. He voted against six of them and did not vote on six others.

On the potpourri of related pro-Israel positions:

• Both cosponsored New York Sen. Daniel Moynihan's 1984 Senate bill to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

• In 1985, Bentsen and Quayle both urged Reagan not to visit the military cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany, where members of the Waffen SS are buried.

• Bentsen supported a 1987 bill to allow Jews in the military to wear yarmulkes; Quayle opposed it.

• Both cosponsored the 1987 bill to close the Palestine Liberation Organization's U.S. offices.

• Neither was among the 30 senators signing the March letter to Secretary of State George Shultz supporting his then-promising peace initiative that in part criticized Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as an obstacle to peace.

In April, to celebrate Israel's 40th anniversary, Bentsen gave his final speech on Israel before his selection for the Democratic ticket.

"Israel was born in strife and still lives in strife," Bentsen said. "Its existence has always been at risk — never fully secure, often gravely threatened. We have not agreed . . . on everything of course, even best friends can have their disagreements.

"We do not approve of every Israeli action and they do not like all of our policies. But on the most basic issues — resistance to Communism, support for human rights, willingness to take risks for genuine peace, close cooperation on the most sensitive security matters — Israel and the United States have worked side by side," Bentsen said.

Quayle's most recent Senate action relating to Israel came July 27, when he released a study compiled by his staff on the dangers of nuclear proliferation, based on recent news reports. He spoke of a resolution calling on the People's Republic of China to halt the sale of ballistic missiles and other offensive weapons to the Middle East and Persian Gulf.

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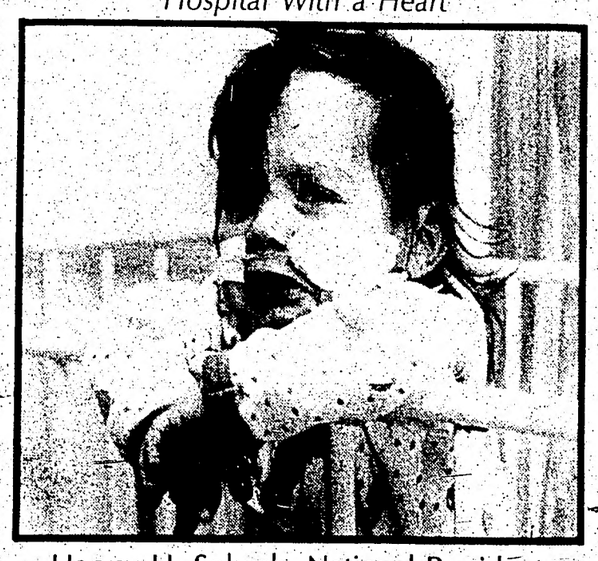

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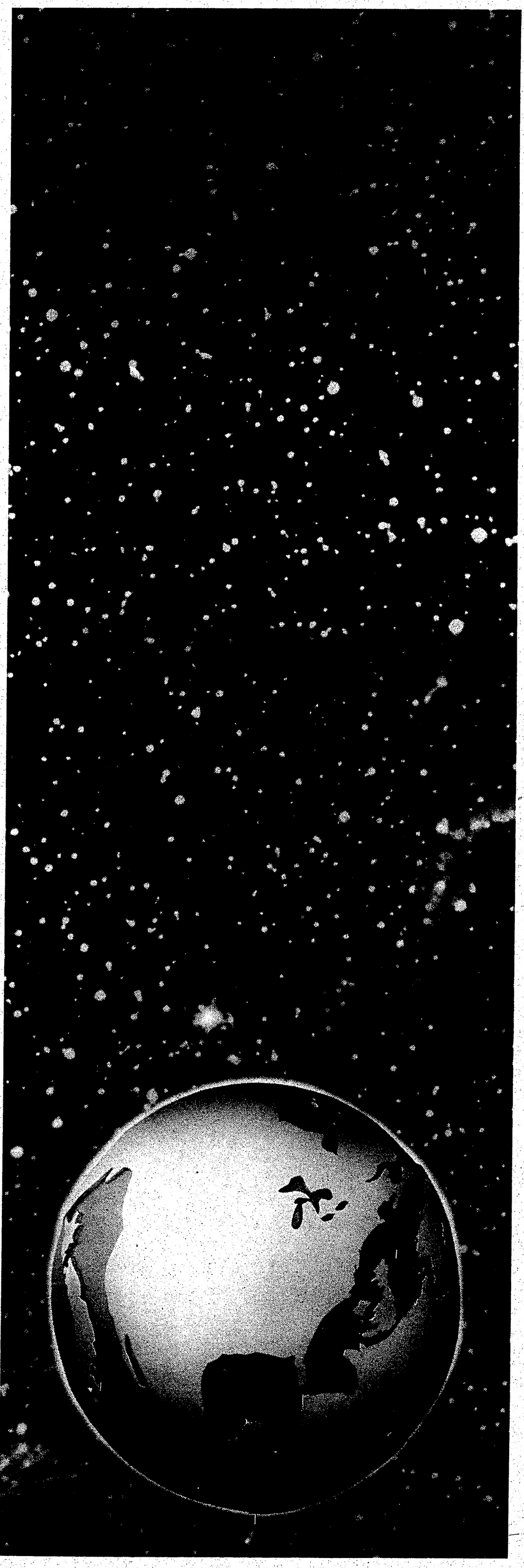

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Druse treated differently than Jews, says MK

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Legally, Druse have equal rights with other Israelis, but in practice it's another story, says an Arab Druse member of the Knesset.

Druse are treated differently from Jews when it comes to such things as state land allocations, zoning and holding some positions in the Israeli civil service, Zeidan Atashi says.

"We don't want to enjoy slogans of 'equality by law'," the 48-year-old politician told The CJN.

"We want to see a practical equality applied in our daily lives."

Zeidan Atashi

Atashi — a former diplomat and Arab affairs TV reporter — was recently in Toronto to attend a conference at the Inn on the Park. The 4-day Hineni 88 event was organized by the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Interviewed in his hotel suite, Atashi said Israel's land allocation to young couples have often been granted free to Jews, but the Druse "were supposed to pay a lot of money for one lot to build their house."

Atashi — first elected to the Knesset in 1977 after he joined the Shinui Party — said he struggled for 15 months until the government cut the price of land allocations in half for Druse, but "we still pay more than the Jews."

Israel's 75,000 Druse — who live in 17 towns, 15 of which are located on the Galilee and the remainder on Mount Carmel — have also been treated differently in getting approvals for zoning in new areas of their settlements, he said.

"There have been no approvals for the new houses built in the Druse towns because the blueprint of the zoning areas was not accepted by the interior ministry," Atashi said.

"At the same time, there have been many Jewish settlements — new ones built in those same Druse areas — which have all the permits and all the infrastructure necessary for basic survival and they didn't have any problems getting them."

There are also no Druse holding decision-making positions in Israel's civil service, Atashi charged. The only exception is in the army and police forces.

Atashi said he believes part of the disparity between his people and the Jews may be due to the Jewish state's priorities.

Israeli officials — concerned about absorption of Jews, defence and building of Jewish settlements — put Jewish matters before non-Jewish ones, Atashi said.

Druse also haven't spoken up enough about their conditions in the past, he said.

"They had representation. But the Druse in the Knesset represented their parties and were 'yes' men of those parties and did not represent sufficiently the Druse causes," said Atashi, who has attempted to make more Jews aware of the disparities.

But even though some areas need improving, Druse enjoy equality in others such as wages, he added.

The Israeli government has also been instrumental in raising the level of Druse education and improving their agriculture and irrigation. The Druse religious affairs have also been "well respected" by the state and "our social life was never disturbed," he said.

"The government is becoming more and more aware of the Druse needs in Israel because of the many Druse voices in the Knesset and outside the Knesset against the traditional government policy," he said.

"And that awareness, as a matter of fact, was one of my goals and the challenge is to create awareness to flow money to the Druse towns for development and industry."

During his career, Atashi — who lives with his wife, Zahia, and their five children in the Druse town of Osifiya on Mount Carmel — has tried to improve the Druse situation.

During the 1970s he fought "vehemently" for his community's full integration into Israeli life. Among his campaigns, he sought to enhance education for Druse at Israeli universities, struggled to get Israeli authorities to deal directly with his people and "not through the patronage of any department"; sought more job opportunities for young Druse; and attempted to get Druse soldiers integrated into different military units.

In 1972 Atashi also became the first Druse to be appointed a diplomat in the Israeli foreign service. For three years he was information consul and information department head at the Israeli consulate in New York and from 1975-76 was a member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations.

Since then another Druse Israeli was appointed in 1986 to the United Nations and a Moslem was made consul-general in Atlanta, he said.

During Atashi's groundbreaking tenure abroad he was criticized by some circles, especially Arabs, who wanted to know how he could represent the Jewish state.

"My answer usually was 'I am an Israeli. I'm not representing the Jewish religious affairs. I'm representing the State of Israel and I am part of it and a full citizen of that country.

"I don't see any contradiction between my Druse affiliation and my Israelism.'"

Atashi would also remind critics that if they wanted to complain about Israel not giving Arabs equal opportunities, they had better think twice.

"They appointed me as a diplomat and you are criticizing my role. You cannot have your cake and eat it too. If you want equal opportunities, here we have it," he would tell them.

Since returning to Israel in 1976, Atashi, who has a Masters degree in political science and Arab studies, has become a major spokesman in the Israeli Parliament for Druse and Arabs.

And during his recent trip to Toronto, he told The CJN he would like to see the Jewish Diaspora — especially Canadians and Americans — sympathize more with the Druse needs in Israel and channel some of their contributions through the Jewish Agency to Project Renewal in Druse towns.

"And if I would find out in the next three months or six months that the Jewish community of Toronto or San Francisco are dedicating a certain percentage of their contributions to the Project Renewal of Druse towns, that would certainly stimulate and move the Druse community," Atashi said.

"Why can't the Jewish community of Toronto adopt Osifiya — my town?" he asked. "I think we are eligible for that kind of Jewish attention."

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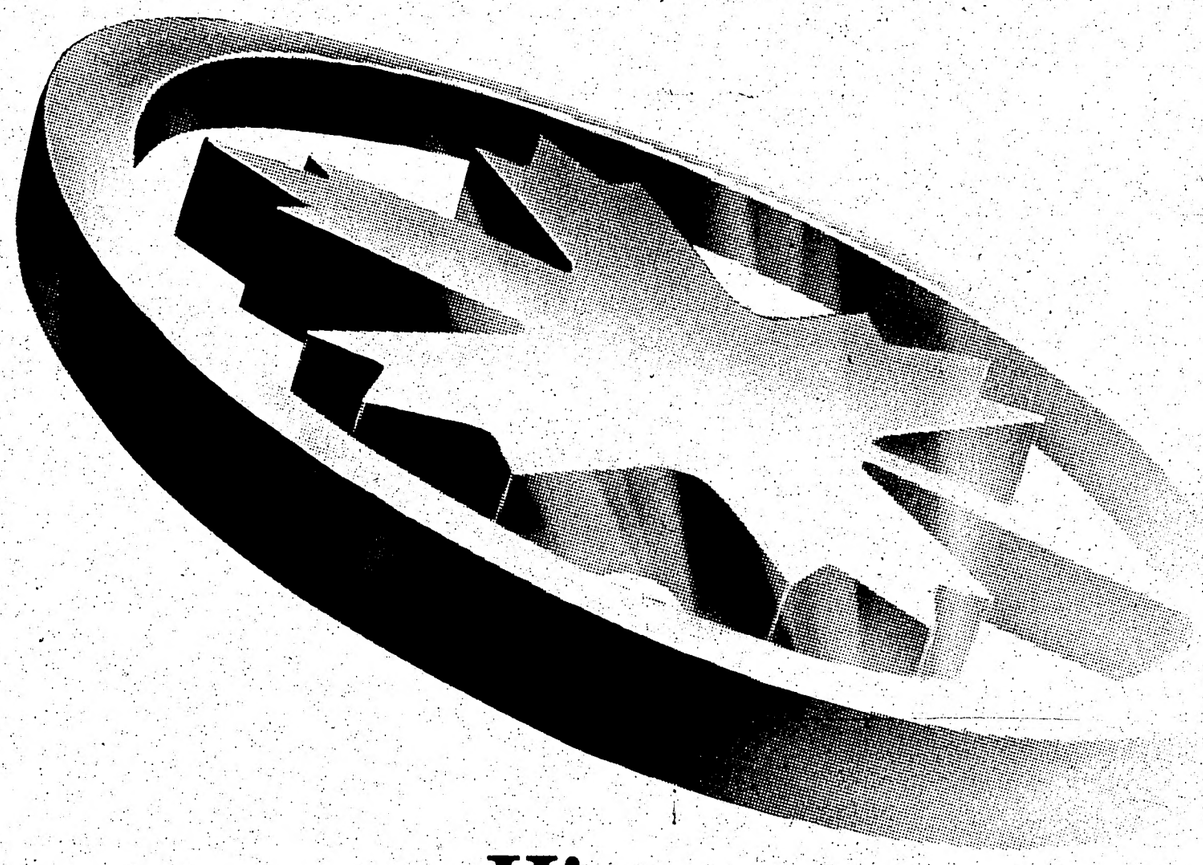

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Hebrew U passes crisis

NEW YORK (JTA) —

After a long struggle to overcome a deep financial crisis, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is on the path to recovery.

"We are now in the midst of a process taking us out of the crisis," said Prof. Amnon Pazy, the president of the university, in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and at the same time we are also growing and developing new faculties and new fields of research."

The financial crisis of the university, Israel's oldest and most prestigious, is a symptom of the general financial crises at all of Israel's higher education institutions, a fiscal problem that mirrors the volatile Israeli economy.

The 52-year-old Pazy, a professor of mathematics who was elected president of the university last year, explained that all of Israel's universities are having difficulties balancing their budgets.

According to Pazy, Hebrew University has accumulated deficits of tens of millions of dollars in recent years. "The worst crisis was in 1985, with a $30 million deficit," Pazy disclosed.

Last year, he said, the university managed to finish the year with only a $17 million, and the same deficit is projected for this year.

The 63-year-old university has a yearly budget of $150 million, 50% of which is provided by the government. Only 10% of the budget, or $15 million, comes from tuition. There are approximately 18,000 students who attend the university.

The rest of the budget is derived from money raised by friends of the university around the world, and from investments and other sources.

According to Pazy, the university's economic woes have multiple sources. To begin with, the Israeli government has drastically reduced its financial support of all universities, from paying 80% of their budgets to only 50%.

At the same time, Pazy pointed out, the universities were not allowed to raise tuition, which is also regulated by the government.

A student's yearly tuition in an Israeli university is $1,400, which hardly covers the real cost, especially in the science and medicine faculties where laboratories and the state-of-art equipment is a must.

Forced to borrow money

"In order to balance our budget, we were forced to borrow money from the banks. And in Israel, as you probably know, the interest rate is very high, about 15% per year," Pazy said, noting that last year alone, Hebrew University paid about $10 million in interest on its debts.

In February, the university embarked on a 5-year "recovery plan," which calls for reducing the academic staff by 15% and the administrative staff of 20%.

The plan also calls for raising about $100 million in the next five years from friends of the university throughout the world.

"This plan," Pazy said, "provides only the minimal means for the operation of the university. The preservation of our high standards and excellence under these less than optional conditions is a most delicate and difficult task which will have to be carried out in the coming year."

Pazy said that while the university's academic standing in the world is still high, its financial difficulties, if not successfully resolved, can cause a great deal of damage in the long run.

He warned that if a university cannot absorb a new generation of scientists and researchers in all fields; if it cannot afford the best in equipment; and if its libraries' shelves avoid the latest books and publications because of lack of funds, then the damage "may be for generations to come."

At present, however, Hebrew University can be ranked with the best universities in the world. In the fields of mathematics, Jewish studies, Islamic studies, economics and medicine, Pazy said, "Hebrew U. is at the top."

Pazy said the university considers itself a "university for the Jewish people," including students from overseas. As such, the university has been developing its Rothberg School for Overseas Students, which was founded 18 years ago.

At present, the school has some 2,200 students who are mostly enrolled in 1-year and special summer and winter programs.

The overseas students come from over 50 different countries, Pazy said, including Japan, Korea, Hungary, Poland, China and Canada. Most, but not all, of the students are Jewish.

This year, Pazy said, the school is offering special programs for groups of olim from the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Iran. The languages of instruction are English, French, Spanish, and Russian in addition to Hebrew.

The school's Hebrew ulpan, offered twice yearly, is the largest of its type in the world. "It attracts students from literally all four corners of the globe, and from all of the world's great religions," the president of Hebrew University said proudly.

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Drive for adult literacy involves 18,000 Israelis

By
LILI EYLON

JERUSALEM —

Rachel is 46, mother of 7. Married at the age of 16 in a small mountain town in Morocco, she emigrated shortly afterward with her carpenter husband and 1-year-old son to Israel where she had to adapt to a new language and a new way of life.

For more than 30 years, Rachel has devoted herself to housework, childbearing and trying to give each child his due. A year ago when Joseph, the eldest, got married, and Daniel, the youngest began going to first grade, Rachel made a decision: she would go back to school, she would learn to read and write.

Older women in Israel, who formerly didn't know how to read and write Hebrew, are learning that it's never too late.

"Now," she says, I can read the newspaper and talk to my family about the day's happenings. Now my husband and children look at me differently. I feel more important."

Rachel is part of a nationwide program which began in 1977 in Beersheba as a small project and which today involves some 18,000 Israelis throughout the country.

Called Tehila, a Hebrew acronym for Special Education Program for Adults, it aims to bring the knowledge of reading and writing, as well as geography, history, mathematics and current events to men and women whom life did not provide with the opportunity for a formal education earlier in life.

"Tehila is Israel's answer to one of the grave social problems that weigh on society in our time: the belated entry of adults into the world of written language, a world that should have been open to them from their very childhood. The right to know is everyone's inalienable right," says Meir Peretz, who heads the Tehila project for Israel's ministry of education and culture.

Some years back, while studying for his doctorate at the Sorbonne University in Paris, the Israeli educator was involved in multimedia adult education in France.

In an interview Peretz revealed that close to 90% of the students in the 80 Tehila centres located in Israel's development towns and urban development areas are women. "Not only does knowledge give the woman an improved self-image and often change the relationship of others to her," he explains, "Tehila is also socially significant in that it allows the woman to leave her house, go out of her kitchen for a permitted, positive, functional purpose."

The students attend classes once or twice a week for a total of 4 to 6 hours of instruction in classrooms located in public buildings: local community centres, local workers organizations and local headquarters of voluntary groups such as, for instance, national women's organizations.

School-buildings are ruled out for two reasons: unsuitable physical conditions (small chairs and desks) and the fact that a woman would find it somewhat demeaning to be learning in the same schoolroom as her child. An additional technical reason is instruction time: according to Peretz, the best time for learning on the part of adults are the morning hours when a person is still fresh.

There are four levels beginning with basic reading and writing, and later, geography, history, language, Bible, arithmetic and citizenship. There are no formal exams, and each "pupil" receives a certificate at the end of her studies. Gateway for the Beginner, a 16-page weekly newspaper published by the ministry of education and culture, provides current material for reading in class, in addition to the textbooks which each participant purchases.

Many persons discover their potential in these classes and decide to continue to study: for those there is the Tehila high school where the student can choose his subjects "almost of regular high school level". As for the instructors in the Tehila program, there are some 400 part-time teachers who receive special in-training preparation: half a day once a week is reserved for meetings where methods, results and new materials are discussed.

While Tehila's aim is education for the sake of education, another program, recently inaugurated, is more career-orientated. In a number of community centres throughout the country, young men and women, many of whom have just finished their army stint, get an opportunity, in special courses, to study two to three years to complete ten years of basic education.

Ten years of education is a prerequisite for the courses sponsored by the ministry of labor, which would prepare these young men and women for a variety of trades and professions, ranging from carpentry to dental assistants and practical engineers.

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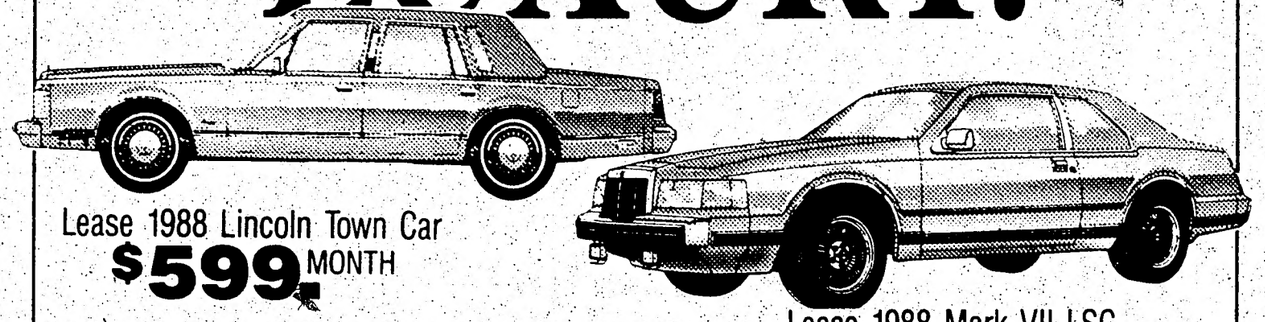

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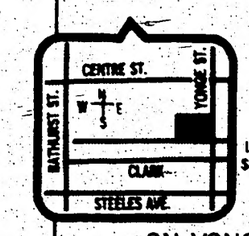

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Agreement allows Westerners to duplicate records

Soviet Holocaust archives are now accessible

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As part of a July 29 agreement with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, the Soviet Union is allowing Westerners for the first time to duplicate its Holocaust archives.

The council estimates that the Soviet archives could contain more than a third of all existing Holocaust-related materials, including documents on Nazi actions taken against the 2.5 million Jews in what are now the Soviet republics of the Ukraine, Moldavia, Byelorussia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, as well as the rest of the Soviet Union.

Neal Sher, who heads the justice department's Office of Special Investigations, which tracks down Nazi war criminals, called the accord a "very good development" because of the Soviets' "voluminous and extremely insightful documentary evidence" on war crimes.

"There's no way of knowing" whether the material will lead to additional prosecutions, Sher said, "but I think it will be very useful to our office."

The reciprocal agreement was signed in Moscow by Miles Lerman, chairman of the Holocaust council's international relations committee, and Evgeny Kozhevnikov, first deputy director of the Soviet Central Administration of the USSR Council of Ministers.

Lerman said the council had been seeking the agreement for years but that it took just two days to negotiate it once his 6-member delegation arrived.

He said that many of the documents are deteriorating, and are being photocopied on microfilm and microfiche to extend their shelf-life to more than 300 years.

After the agreement was signed, "we immediately got to work," Lerman said. The delegation spent two weeks visiting archives in Moscow as well as in some of the western republics.

"We saw glimpses of information on everything, about Latvian attitudes toward Jews, about Lithuanian secret police, statistics on the movement of Jews (and) correspondence of Nazi officers," said Raul Hilberg, a preeminent Holocaust scholar at the University of Vermont.

The accord follows the council's Feb. 15 exchange agreement with Yad Vashem in Israel. Yad Vashem will have access to the Soviet Holocaust collection through the U.S. transmission effort.

Last August, the council signed its first accord with a foreign entity, Poland's Main Commission for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes in Poland/Institute of National Remembrance.

The council is hoping to next reach agreement with the Holocaust archives of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Lerman said.

The new access, which Lerman attributed to the new policy of glasnost under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, is in stark contrast to the previous Soviet practice of releasing its records only for specific war crimes trials.

The documents include details not known to the West until now, including statistics on the annihilaton of Galician Jewry during deportation in 1942; Latvian attitudes toward Jews in 1943; preparations for resistance in the Kovno ghetto in 1944; and maps and Jewish police records of the Vilna ghetto.

New Jerusalem daily said totally "desk-top"

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Nation, a new English-language tabloid newspaper, was introduced here at a news conference last week.

The new daily will be Israel's second English-language newspaper and will compete with the veteran and well-established Jerusalem Post.

According to the editor and publisher of the new tabloid, American-born Hesh Kestin, The Nation will carry 24 pages daily with a 48-page weekend supplement. He also said it will include color pictures and will put heavy emphasis on foreign and financial news.

According to Kestin, the new paper will be the first newspaper in the world to be produced and edited entirely by desk-top personal computers — a claim disputed by other journalists.

The new venture is financed by Kestin himself and 15 other investors, mainly from abroad.

Although he denied that the aim of the paper is to counter the views of The Jerusalem Post, Kestin said nevertheless that the Post was known for its "leftist tendencies" and its support of the Labor Party. He said that The Nation would be apolitical and would not carry a particular editorial slant.

Kestin contended there were enough English-reading people in Israel to warrant several English-language dailies.

Rights group asks for public inquiry

By PAUL LUNGEN

FREDERICTON, NB — The New Brunswick Human Rights Commission has called for a public inquiry to determine if Malcolm Ross is passing his anti-Jewish views to his students.

The commission asked provincial Labor Minister Mike McKee to appoint a board of inquiry after its investigation was stymied at the conciliation stage.

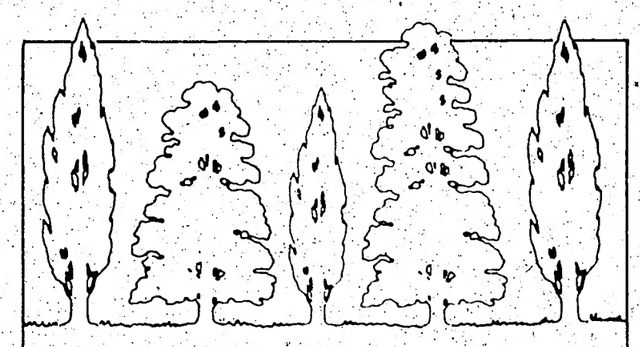
Its investigation was halted when the district 15 school board, which supervises Ross, refused to provide Ross's records or those of his students.

A board of inquiry would have the powers to subpoena witnesses and some records.

Ross, a teacher in the Moncton area, is author of several books and articles which allege a Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity and which question the Holocaust.

New Brunswick attorneys general have decline to prosecute Ross under the federal anti-hate laws because, they said; the weak state of the law makes obtaining a conviction unlikely.

In June, the commission began its inquiry to determine if the school board, by allowing Ross to teach while aware of his views, contributed to the spread of discriminatory views among his students.



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Nachmann may not have acted alone

Accomplices in embezzlement

BONN (JTA) —

Werner Nachmann, the late chairman of the Central Council of Jewish Communities in West Germany, could not have embezzled nearly $20 million by himself, according to Heinz Galinski, the present chairman of the council.

Galinski, who became head of the West German Jewish community after Nachmann's sudden death in January, strongly implied in Berlin that Nachmann had accomplices in the embezzlement of funds that were earmarked for the reparation of Jewish victims of Nazism, as well as other Jewish community monies. Galinski would not name any suspected accomplices.

A detailed report of the embezzlement case was expected this summer but will probably be delayed for another few months.

The Central Council says that the investigation, being undertaken by an economic institute, has become more complicated than previously expected.

The scandal first became known in May, when an audit of the reparations fund revealed that at least $12 million was missing from the fund set aside for Holocaust reparations.

Nachmann, a heretofore highly respected member of the West German Jewish community, as well as a friend of members of the country's government, was suspected because of his access to the funds.

Suspicion also fell on Alexander Ginsburg, secretary of the Central Council, the only other community officer apart from Nachmann who had access to the account. Ginsburg was suspended from his position in June.

It is believed that Nachmann embezzled money from three sources: the reparations fund, which is headquartered in New York City at the Conference on Material Claims Against Germany; a special Central Council fund of $21.2 million marks, which was made available to the Jewish community by the Bonn government (some $2.6 million disappeared from that fund, which was fully controlled by the council); and the funds of the Jewish community of Baden in southern West Germany, where Nachmann is said to have used public money to buy support and loyalty and to have financed private construction projects.

In at least one case, community money was transferred to Ginsburg's account.

Nachmann's widow, Aviva Nachmann, a former Israeli citizen, says she has no knowledge of the whereabouts of the stolen money.

After her husband's death, she took a job as a clerk in a firm in Karlsruhe, where they lived, because she said her husband had failed to leave her a source of income.

West Germany's Jewish community is likely to be the focus of public attention, as preparations are under way here for the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, when Jewish shop windows were broken and Jews were beaten during the night of Nov. 9-10, 1938.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl is likely to attend a Central Council ceremony on Nov. 9 in Frankfurt to commemorate the event.

Four leftists appeal

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

Four leftists who met PLO officials in Romania in November 1986 appealed their sentences in the district court here last week.

The four — Latif Dori, Yael Lotan, Reuven Kaminer and Eliezer Feiler — were convicted in June of violating the amendment to the Prevention of Terrorism Law which forbids contact with terrorist organizations.

They were each sentenced to six months in prison and fined 3,000 shekels.

In a 5-hour session, defence attorneys argued that the legal system has the right to "correct" violations of basic democratic freedoms that have been passed into law by the Knesset.

The dispute centres on paragraph 4h of the Prevention of Terrorism Law, which forbids "contact" with bodies determined by the government of Israel to be "terrorist organizations." The government declared the PLO a terrorist organization in 1980.

The defence argued that the word "contact" is ambiguous. Furthermore, the attorneys claimed, it was inaccurate to view the entire PLO as a terrorist organization, without discriminating among its factions.

The defence also claimed that the 6-month penalty was too severe in light of the group's "good intentions," which were recognized by the sentencing judge.

Women help name TA's Chief Rabbi

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

Rabbi Yisrael Lau has been elected Tel Aviv's seventh Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi and is expected to begin work when he receives an official appointment from the religious affairs ministry. Four women were included on the electoral panel which chose him.

Lau's election brings to an end a 2-year saga over the appointment of a Chief Rabbi for the city following the death of his predecessor, Rabbi Yedidya Frankel. The election was repeatedly postponed because of the insistence of the Labor faction in the city council to have women representatives on the electoral panel. Only after the High Court of Justice ruled that a vote by an electoral college from which women would be excluded would be illegal, did the Chief Rabbinate acquiese to the inclusion of women.

The 51-year-old Lau was born in Poland and was imprisoned in concentration camps during World War II. He came to Israel at the age of 8. He has served as Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Netanya since 1979, and is widely regarded as a "relative liberal."

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What New Moon in the Jewish calendar is not blessed or announced in advance in the synagogue?
2. Name the custom of intensive soul-searching among followers of the Mussar movement in the 19th century during the month of Elul, which precedes the High Holy Days.
3. During what ceremony on Rosh Hashanah afternoon are one's sins symbolically cast into the water?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Tishrei since it is also Rosh Hashanah.
2. Heshbon ha-nefesh ("spiritual stocktaking").
3. Tashlich ("Thou will cast off").

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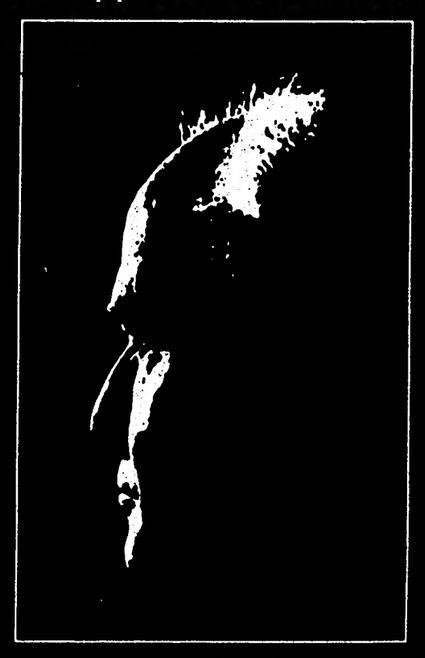

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UN observer mission to remain

U.S. won't appeal court ruling on PLO office

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Reagan administration has decided not to appeal a U.S. District Court ruling in June barring the closing of the Palestine Liberation Organization's observer mission at the United Nations.

Initial reaction from Jewish groups was mixed, with some expressing dismay and others greeting the decision with equanimity.

In a statement last week, the justice department said "On balance, the interests of the United States are best served by not appealing."

It said that it is the administration's "normal policy to appeal adverse district court decisions of this kind." But it went on to say that closing the mission in any event would be contrary to U.S. treaty obligations, especially "in light of foreign policy considerations, including the U.S. role as host of the United Nations organization."

The announcement was made as the 60-day period during which the United States was given an opportunity to file an appeal expired. Judge Edmund Palmieri, of the U.S. District Court in New York, ruled June 28 that closing the mission would violate the 1947 UN Headquarters Agreement.

That treaty prevents host nations from closing the UN missions of member states. Palmieri said the treaty leaves no doubt that the United States is obligated "to refrain from impairing the function" of the PLO's UN mission.

The challenge was brought after the PLO ignored justice department orders to close the office by March 21 under the 1987 Anti-Terrorism Act. That law, which helped lead to the closure of the PLO's Washington information office, was adopted by Congress late last year and signed by President Reagan Dec. 22.

"The administration will continue to oppose efforts to reopen the PLO information office in Washington," the justice department said.

While the state department agreed with Congress that the administration had the right to close the Washington office, it argued that Congress was unaware of U.S. treaty obligations when it ordered the UN mission closed as well. The justice department argued conversely, that Congress' intent was unambiguous.

With the decision not to appeal, the only other conceivable route that could threaten the mission would be for Congress to pass a new law saying that in ordering the mission closed it intends to ignore any international treaty obligations.

Congressional aides said any such action likely would not occur this year, as the second session of the 100th Congress draws to a close before Election Day.

Among the Jewish groups dismayed by the decision not to appeal was the American section of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers.

Jerome Hornblass, president of the section and a justice on the New York State Supreme Court, said he was "very disappointed because the Reagan administration put their weight behind the legal process by instituting suit. Now it turns out in the middle of the appellate process they are backing down.

Hornblass added that the decision "demonstrates a lukewarm attitude toward eradicating terrorism" and "gives legitimacy to the PLO."

Yosef Gal, spokesman for the Israeli embassy here, said "the Israeli position on the PLO is well known" as is "the fact that the PLO is a terrorist organization that does not belong among the nations of the world."

But he added that he did not want to get into a dispute between the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government.

Arafat may announce state

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particularly Jordan's decision to cut all links to the West Bank.

According to sources in Brussels, Arafat may use the European Parliament appearance to make an important political announcement regarding the formation of a Palestinian state.

Arafat was invited to the European Parliament by the chairman of its Socialist Group, Rudi Arndt of West Germany. As a matter of principle, the parliament itself invites only heads of state to address the 518-member assembly which represents 12 nations.

In New York, the director-general of Israel's foreign ministry said that despite King Hussein's policy of separating his kingdom from the West Bank, there could be "no solution" to the Palestinian issue and the question of Israel's permanent boundaries without the full participation of Jordan.

Avraham Tamir told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that King Hussein acted out of "frustration that the high expectations resulting from his talks in London with then-Prime Minister Peres two years ago had led only to stalemate."

He added: "King Hussein knows — and we know — that Israel's boundaries cannot be settled without the participation of the country that shares the longest border with Israel, and that the fate of the Palestinians cannot be determined without the participation of the only state in the world that has a Palestinian majority."

Tamir, a retired army general and former advisor to Ezer Weizman, made these main points in his talk and reply to questions from Presidents Conference members:

- Only an international peace conference under the auspices of the UN Security Council, bringing together Israel, Arab states and a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation — as proposed by Secretary of State George Shultz — can break the procedural deadlock by providing a springboard for direct Arab-Israel negotiations.
- Such a conference is necessary to serve as a starting point for substantive talks to bridge the vast gaps that separate the various plans and approaches to the Arab-Israel problem — among them, the Reagan plan, the Allon plan, the Fahd plan and other proposals for resolving the Arab-Israel dispute.
- The most desirable result of such talks, from Israel's point of view, would be the establishment of a Palestinian-Jordanian confederation pledged to live in peace with Israel. No other solution — such as an independent Palestinian state or annexation of the territories by Israel — is either practical or desirable.
- Israel must keep an "open door" to all moderate elements among the Palestinians. "The real issue is not whom you talk to but on what basis those talks proceed. Thus, a PLO that remains committed to the liquidation of Israel and the tactics of terror cannot be a partner in political negotiations."

New Soviet diplomacy set

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Soviet Union is about to launch a major Middle East diplomatic offensive, says a Soviet official who met with Nimrod Novik in Paris last week. Novik, the Israeli foreign minister's policy adviser, met with the deputy head of the Soviet foreign ministry's Middle East department, Vladimir Terrasov.

The Soviets, Novik said, believe that the PLO is poised to execute an historic turnaround, discarding universally unacceptable demands of the past. The Soviets, Terrasov told Novik, are playing a significant role in the current developments within the PLO.

Novik replied that Israel expects only partial and ambiguous steps from the PLO, which the organization might have to balance by a further wave of terror.

The Soviets are increasingly showing their concern over the proliferation of missiles and the unconventional arms race in the Middle East. At the same time, they are apprehensive about the intifada, the possibility that it might get out of hand, and the possible effect of such a development on the arms race, Novik said.

The Soviets believe that a new, more dangerous stage of the intifada is to be expected in the coming months.

The projected Soviet diplomatic activity, which is to accelerate in the next few weeks, will be aimed at advancing the international conference. Terrasov told Novik that the differences between the U.S. and Soviet Union on the conference are definitely bridgeable.

Novik said that Terrasov's description of the powers of the conference plenum were the most benign he has ever heard from the Soviets.

In the conference envisaged by the Soviets, the PLO would be an independent negotiating party. One of the main topics on the agenda of the multilateral committee would be the arms race.

Novik and Terrasov met for six hours, during which the Soviet also showed great interest in political developments in Israel. Novik showed him the latest opinion polls, and tried to explain their meaning.

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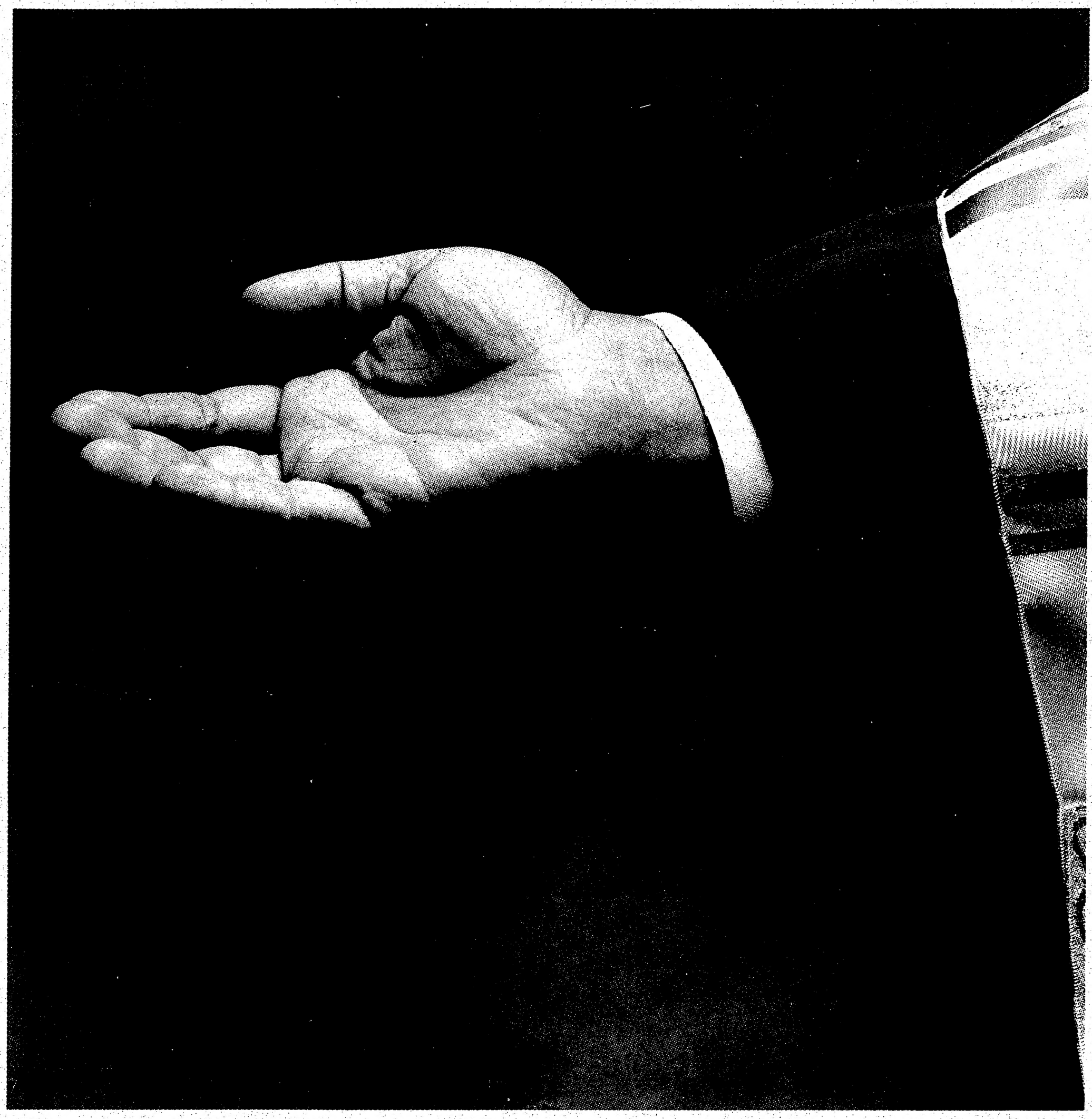

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By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

A reminder that the deadline for the What's New and About People columns for the Sept. 15 issue is past. The deadline for all following issues through to the end of the Jewish holidays and Thanksgiving is (i.e. the issues of Sept. 22, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6) Thursday, Sept. 8.

The deadline for the Oct. 13 issue is Thursday, Sept. 29.

I will be at my desk on those days to receive your calls.

Thursday, Sept. 8

PSYCHOLOGY OF JEWISH HUMOR

The Psychology of Jewish Humor is the topic of **Sidney Brickman's** address to the Zahav Branch of National Council of Jewish Women on Thursday evening, Sept. 8. His lecture is an analysis of the way Jewish behavior is reflected in our folk humor.

New members (mid 20s and up) are welcome.

For further information regarding meeting time and location, or about Zahav Branch, call **Francine** at 925-2989.

Friday, Sept. 9

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

On Friday, Sept. 9, concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., in a program of semi-classical, Hebrew and Jewish music. The time is 2-3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15

FASHION CAREER NIGHT

Ever long to join the exciting world of fashion? A free Fashion Career Night, taking place Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m., provides interesting and valuable insight into what is involved, what is available, and how to get "a foot in the door" of one of Toronto's most challenging, fast-paced career areas.

Coordinated by the continuing education division of George Brown College, the program features a panel of industry experts, including well-known Toronto designer **Loucas Kleanthous**. Panel members will discuss a variety of topics, from design and illustration to manufacturing and sales, with plenty of time allotted for questions from the audience.

Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

The Fashion Career Night takes place at the college's St. James campus, Room 185, 200 King St. E. (east of Jarvis).

For pre-registration and further information, call 947-9914.

And What Else Is New...

MUSICAL SOIREE

The 4th annual Musical Soiree, arranged by DVI-Canada (Dental Volunteers for Israel) as a fund raiser for the Jerusalem Children's Dental Clinic, takes place Sunday, Sept. 18 at 7.30 p.m. at the home of **Zuzik and Hy Burstein**, 21 Bayview Ridge, Willowdale.

The program is once again under the direction of music director **Vera Danchenko**, Toronto pianist, affiliated with the University of Toronto and the Royal Conservatory of Music. The volunteer performers, gifted young talents, include **Nadia Cole**, piano; **Beth Zeitlin**, flute; **Richard Bradley**, guitar; **Zvi Taube**, tenor, and **Natalie Leggett**, violin.

The annual cost of dental care per child is $90. A voluntary contribution to the clinic ($50) is the entrance fee to the concert. Checks are payable to Jerusalem Foundation — DVI and can be mailed to **Dr. Alfred Intrator**, 212 Dunvegan Rd., Toronto M5P 2P2.

For concert reservations, call 925-8933 or 445-7668. The following categories will be listed in the program — Benefactor $1,000; Patron $500; Donor $300, and Friend $150. All donations are tax deductible.

BALLEI TEFILLAH

Kehillat Shaarei Torah, an Orthodox synagogue at 2640 Bayview Ave., welcomes **Rabbi Neal Harris** as the guest baal musaf for this Rosh Hashanah and **Baruch Lipner** as baal shacharit.

Rabbi Harris is associate director of student finances at Yeshiva University and a long-time friend of the congregation. He has been the congregation's baal tefillah for the last five years.

Mr. Lipner is a student at Yeshiva University and a graduate of Yeshiva Or Chaim. He is the son of **Hertzel and Naomi Lipner** of Toronto.

The congregation invites inquiries for membership at 229-2600.

Teddy Fialkov

Alex Eisen

LECTURE ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S

Ezrath Nashim, the Jerusalem Hospital for Psychiatric and Geriatric Treatment and Rehabilitation, is presenting a lecture by internationally acclaimed scientist **Prof. Melvyn Ball** of the University of Western Ontario, on the topic Research Advances in Alzheimer's Disease, on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

Chairman of the event is **Alex Eisen**. His co-chairman is **Teddy Fialkov**.

The tickets are $100 (tax deductible) and there is a good chance to win one of the three valuable door prizes — Two return tickets to Argentina plus one week's stay in Buenos Aires, courtesy of Aerolinas Argentinas and land arrangements by Latour, the Tour Operator; diamond earrings (retail value about $1,000), courtesy Fabrikant Commonwealth Trading Inc., and a leather coat (retail value $1,000), courtesy Olympic Leather Co.

All proceeds are going to research in Alzheimer's disease and the care of the already afflicted patients at the Ezrath Nashim Hospital in Jerusalem.

For information, call **Shula Robin**, the coordinator, at 630-4253.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Here's a list of special September events at Shalom Village Retirement Home, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton —

Thursday, Sept. 15 — Filipino Night with a talk by the president of the Canadian Philippine Association and a cultural dance demonstration by school children at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18 — Simcha Sunday celebrating the birthdays of **Klara Shaynkin, Rose Yablo** and **Sonia Krawchuk**, with guest performer **Nathan Garnick**.

Sunday, Sept. 25 — Monthly pot luck supper at 5 p.m. The charge is $3 residents, $5 non-residents. Please contact **Sue** if you plan to attend.

SHABBAT SHUVAH DRASHA

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., will deliver the annual Shabbat Shuvah Drasha on Shabbat afternoon, Sept. 17, at 5.45. Men and women are cordially invited.

ELINOR CAPLAN TO SPEAK

Elinor Caplan, Ontario minister of health, will be the guest speaker at the Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood opening dinner meeting on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6.30 p.m.

The charge is $15 sisterhood members, $20 non-members. Reservations must be in by Sept. 30. Call the temple office at 789-3219 and ask for **Olivia**.

HAR TIKVAH EDUCATION CLASSES

Har Tikvah Congregation of Brampton is offering education classes from pre-school through b'nai mitzvah to adult.

Registration will be on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m. at the sanctuary and community centre, 9893 Torbram Rd. in Brampton. **Rabbi Larry Lander** will be there to answer all your questions.

For further information, call Rabbi Lander or **Stan Corbett** at 792-7589.

JSU/HILLEL EVENTS

Upcoming events planned by Jewish Students' Union/Hillel, University of Toronto, include—

Thursday, Sept. 15 — All students are invited to a free deli dinner at 6 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave. Find out how you can get involved or have input at the JSU. No obligation, no solicitation, just put in your suggestions, ideas and/or complaints. Call **Marita** at 923-9861 before Sept. 14 to let her know you're coming.

Beginning Sept. 15 and every Thursday night following JSU/Hillel will be hosting free feature videoflick nights on big screen television. The pocorn is on JSU. The Sept. 15 feature is Good Morning Vietnam with **Robin Williams**.

BOUTIQUE DEALERS TAKE NOTE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood will be holding its annual Fall Fashion Flair and Boutique Show on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. There are still some spaces available for dealers in the boutique area.

For information, call **Judith Bricks** at 221-8521.

WOMEN & THE WORKPLACE

The Business and Professional Women's Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT invites all interested women to attend the opening meeting of the 1988-89 program year on Monday, Sept. 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the McGill Club, 21 McGill St.

The featured speaker will be **Heather Reisman**, managing director of Paradigm Consulting Inc. Her topic will be Women and the Changing Workplace.

To RSVP, call **Sonia Shron** at Toronto Women's ORT at 787-0297.

RACE FOR RESEARCH

Come out to Woodbine Race Track for an afternoon of horseracing beginning at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, as the thoroughbreds line up for the first Race for Research sponsored by the Alzheimer Society of Metro Toronto.

And it is all for $10 which includes reserved seating, a program, and a $2 voucher redeemable at the snack bar. Six dollars goes to support Alzheimer research.

Tickets are available from the Metro chapter of the Society at 789-1123.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL PARADE

General Wingate Branch No. 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion is having its annual Memorial Parade and Service on Sunday, Sept. 18. The march off, at 10.30 a.m., is from the Denison Armories, Dufferin St. just south of Wilson, to the Mount Sinai Cemetery where a service will be held starting at 11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

10-PIN BOWLING LEAGUE

A mixed 10-pin bowling league, meeting every Monday evening at 9.30, is looking for new bowlers to join the group.

Anyone interested should call **Harry** at 494-5506 after 7 p.m.

DESIGN AWARDS 88

The City of North York's Design Awards 88 are to be presented to those individuals and corporations who have made outstanding achievements in the development and upgrading of properties in North York.

Awards will be presented in three categories — Urban Design Awards will be given for developments which make the greatest contribution to urban design.

Beautify North York Awards will be presented to recognize outstanding improvements to the exterior of commercial, industrial and institutional properties.

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SHERRY LUNCHEON

It was a special day for residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged, members of the Women's Auxiliary and volunteers, who attended the recent sherry luncheon at Baycrest Centre. The luncheon, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, included the musical entertainment of Mona Brown and Dorothy Sandler-Glick. Pictured above, volunteer Rose Herling (centre), who started working at Baycrest Centre when it was the Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home on Cecil St., is joined by granddaughter Adina Herling, while serving resident Ida Kovarskaya.

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House Design Awards will be given for the first time for design achievements for new homes and exterior improvements to existing single and 2-family properties.

Entry requirements are as follows: Name and telephone number of the owner and the designer(s) of the property, category, and four 8 inch X 10 inch colored photographs showing different views of the project. Deadline for entries is Friday, Sept. 30, at 4 p.m.

Entries should be forwarded to Design Awards 88, City of North York, Planning Department, 5100 Yonge St., North York M2N 5V7.

For further information, contact **Larry March**, property and economic development department, at 224-6480 or **Jack Dougan**, planning department, at 224-6545.

THE TERRY FOX RUN

On Sunday, Sept. 18, Canadians across the country will join together to run, walk, jog, bike, wheel or ride the Terry Fox Run (5-km or 10-km). You can participate at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., from 9 a.m. to noon.

Make this year's run twice the success. Bring a friend and double the victory.

For further information, contact **Lisa Sutherland** at the JCC at 636-1880, ext. 251.

MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Metro Toronto Branch, needs volunteers 18 years or older for its Rehabilitation Action Program. This program, known as RAP, trains and supervises volunteers who provide social support on a one-to-one basis to people who are recovering from mental health problems. Volunteers are required to give approximately three hours per week for a minimum of six months. For information, call 789-7957 and ask for the RAP coordinator.

The YWCA needs daytime volunteers to work in its child care programs or to tutor math and English to adults in its academic upgrading programs. Placement is available throughout Metro Toronto. If you would like to volunteer, call the YWCA volunteer department at 961-8100.

THE CULTURAL IMPERATIVE

The Canadian cultural community is meeting to identify, challenge, and debate issues of leadership at the Cultural Imperative 2: Lead, Follow, or Step Aside conference taking place Oct. 20-23 at Blue Mountain Inn, Collingwood, Ont.

Presented by the Association of Cultural Executives, the conference is designed to provide senior executives in Canada's cultural organizations with timely commentary and information on current developments in management theory and practice.

Stephen Lewis, former Canadian ambassador to the UN, opens the conference with his address, Leadership in the 21st Century.

For further information, call the Association at 535-2858.

FOR STARGAZERS

Stargazers can get a close-up look at the moon, planets and star clusters during guided tours Sept. 10 and 24 at the University of Toronto's David Dunlop Observatory. The tour includes a slide presentation and, if weather permits, a demonstration of the 74-inch telescope in operation.

The observatory is located at 123 Hillsview Dr. in Richmond Hill (between Yonge and Bayview, 3-km north of Hwy 7).

Since the total number of visitors on a tour is limited, reservations must be made in advance by calling 884-2112 weekdays, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

COURSES FOR ALL AGES

The YWCA is offering the following courses this fall — Women's Self Defence, Teen Self Defence, Children's Self Defence, Tai Chai, Arthritic Aquacises, and Gentle Yoga.

For details and to register, call the YWCA at 487-7151. There is a 10% discount for seniors.

TEL-AIDE VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line. Interested men and women, who have some free time and are good non-judgmental listeners, can request an application by calling 636-9610. Additional information can be obtained at this time.

Tel-Aide is seeking additional applicants as phone volunteers for late afternoon, early evening and Sunday shifts. These are the times that listeners are urgently needed.

Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line is a service of Toronto Jewish Congress.

ADULT DAYTIME CLASSES

Don Mills Collegiate is offering free daytime classes for adults beginning Sept. 14.

Classes include Word Processing, Accounting, Typing, Life Skills, Art, Physical Education, and English as a Second Language.

The school is located at 15 The Donway E. (Lawrence and Don Mills). For more information, phone, 444-4424.

CANADA WORLD YOUTH

Canada World Youth gives young Canadians the opportunity to learn about international development through a challenging 7-month cross-cultural program. With their counterparts from an exchange country, participants live and do volunteer work in a host community, first in Canada, then in a developing country in Africa, Asia or Latin America. Each group of participants is under the guidance and leadership of field staff who are trained and experienced in the areas of international development and education. All expenses are paid by Canada World Youth.

If you are working, studying, or looking for a job and interested in participating in this challenging program, apply now! Applicants need only be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and between the ages of 17 and 20 as of Dec. 31, 1988.

Exchanges start as early as June 1989. The deadline for applications is Jan. 27, 1989. For application forms or more information, contact Canada World Youth, Ontario Region Office, 386 Bloor St. W., 2nd floor, Toronto M5S 1X4. The phone number is 922-0776. If you are in the Ottawa area, you can call (613) 234-2137.

EXHIBITION ON IDA RUBINSTEIN

The Judah L. Magnus Museum of Berkeley, Calif., is developing an exhibition on one of the first "liberated" women, the Jewish dancer and personality **Ida Rubinstein**. Entitled Scheherazade: The Art and Times of Ida Rubinstein, 1885-1960, it is scheduled to open at the museum in the fall of 1989.

To prepare for this important exhibit, the museum is seeking persons having memories, photographs, or other memorabilia of Rubinstein. This 6-foot-tall Russian Jewish woman broke with tradition to create a stage career with the Ballet Russes, develop such roles as Cleopatra and Zobeida in Rimsky-Korsakoff's Scheherazade, and emerge as a major patron of the arts in Paris.

Interested persons should contact the director, Judah Magnus Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, Calif. 94705. The phone number is (415) 849-2710.

ATTENTION ADULTS!

Do you have some spare time during the day? Would you like to obtain a job as a hairdresser, health care aide, bank teller, fashion artist, word processor? Would you like to obtain your high school diploma — during the day? Would you like to improve your math or English skills?

Bathurst Heights Secondary School and Adult Learning Centre, 640 Lawrence Ave. W. (1 block from the Lawrence West subway station), is starting classes this month. There are no tuition fees, day care is available and also transportation assistance.

Counsellors will help design a program to suit your needs. Call 789-0551 now and make an appointment for you to go back to school.

THEATRE VOLUNTEERS

The Jewish Community Centre is looking for special people for an exciting volunteer opportunity at the Leah Posluns Theatre. For information, call **Rose Shapro** at 636-1880.

KOFFLER GETS $5,000 GRANT

Recently Monte Kwinter, minister of industry, trade and technology, presented the Koffler Gallery with a check for $5,000 from the Exhibitions Abroad Program of the Ontario ministry of culture and communications. This contribution is towards the production of the exhibition, Glass in Sculpture by Canadians, representing 19 artists, which will premiere at the Major Glass Museum in Fineland in February 1989. Representing the Koffler Gallery in the presentation was gallery board member Felicia Cukier. They are seen with glass sculptures Dancing Rattle by Laura Donefer and Mace by Irene Frolic.

at the jcc

The 8th annual Terry Fox Run on Sunday, Sept. 18, will be hosted at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a 5-km route which goes south on Bathurst to Finch, east on Finch to Faywood, north to Sheppard, along Sheppard to Bathurst and back to the JCC. The 10-km route continues north on Faywood to Invermay, west to Bathurst and then down to the JCC. For further information, contact **Lisa Sutherland** at 636-1880, ext. 251.

Fall course registration is now open. This is for programs for all ages. For information, call **Barbara Lampcov** at 636-1880, ext. 234.

A reminder to call the JCC Valley Singles Social Hotline for 24-hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish community. The number is 889-5101.

for seniors

Starting on Monday, Sept. 19, the senior adult programs will be resuming at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), including bridge, current events discussions, musical programs and various entertainment. For information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is having a Succoth party on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. featuring **Cantor Albert Feldman** who will entertain in a program of music and song in Hebrew, Yiddish and English. Refreshments will be served. The charge is $1.50 members, $2 guests...Daily programs, including Tai Chai, will continue after the High Holidays. For information about all activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club's fall color tour is coming up Tuesday, Oct. 18. This is for members only and the cost of $12 includes a tour of Orangeville, Shelburne, Stayner, Barrie and Bradford (visit to farmers' market and woollen mill) and a drive around Lake Simcoe...Saleable items are being accepted for the bazaar taking place in mid-October...Membership includes Tai Chai, shuffleboard, ballroom dance class, dancercise, woodwork, fitness, art class, rummycube and weekly Saturday night dances. For information, call the club at 636-7856.

The executive of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** regrets to announce the cessation of activities until further notice.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — On Sunday, Sept. 11, the movie Singing in the Rain (Part I) will be shown from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room...The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma invites you to join the new Wednesday afternoon program for Israelis 55 years of age and over who enjoy socializing and good Hebrew conversation. The group meets from 2-3.30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Refreshments will be served. For further information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273 days or **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546 evenings...Terrace kosher take-out meals are available seven days a week for only $5.25 daily (except Friday dinner which is $7.25). Meals can be prepared for salt-free, bland, diabetic or regular diets. To order your meal, just come to the Wagman Centre office and purchase your take-out ticket and then bring it to the food services office. Meal tickets must be purchased one day in advance. if you have any questions, contact **Sharon Bizouati** at 785-2430.

The Diamond Jubilee Club, which meets at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs, is open for your entertainment such as dancing and dancercise with **Ada Goldblatt**, crafts, cards, movies, travel and refreshments. Come out and enjoy on Sunday afternoons at 2. For information, call 782-5024...The club has appointed artist **Tutzi Seguin** to teach arts and crafts in her studio.

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PHONEATHONS

The New Israel Fund of Canada has held three fund-raising phoneathons this summer. Proceeds have gone towards the support of over 140 projects working to strengthen democracy and promote social change in Israel. Among the enthusiastic phoners was Shirley Brazer (above). Phoneathons will continue throughout the fall. For further information or to participate, call the New Israel Fund at 785-1707.

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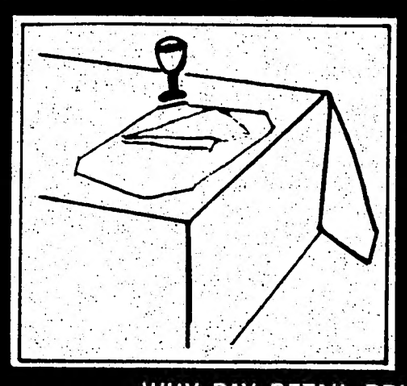

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There is no fee for seniors, just a charge for materials. For information, call her at 783-0781.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussion...Shuffleboard teams meet Tuesday evenings at 7.30 with refreshments served...The Cultural Circle meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m...Registration for the 5-,7-,9- or 12-week Miami trip will take place every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers Program for men 55 years of age and over meets every second Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is Sunday, Sept. 11. The group coordinator is **Alan Steinberg**. For information, call the centre at 789-5101, ext. 2269, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

About People

SHAAREI ZION'S RABBI

Shaarei Zion Associated Hebrew Congregation has announced the appointment of **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht** as rabbi of the congregation.

Rabbi Hecht is the founding director of Nishma, an organization devoted to the development of sophisticated, intellectual adult education programs throughout North America. In accepting the position at Shaarei Zion, he hopes to develop a model adult education institute that will attract people of all backgrounds from throughout the Metro Toronto area.

Rabbi Hecht and his wife **Naomi** have four children — **Dodi-Lee, Chai, Tikva** and **Raziel**.

For more information about Shaarei Zion and/or tickets for the High Holidays, call **Larry Skolnik** at 221-5610 after 7 p.m. or **Claude Bitton** at 225-2435, also after 7 p.m.

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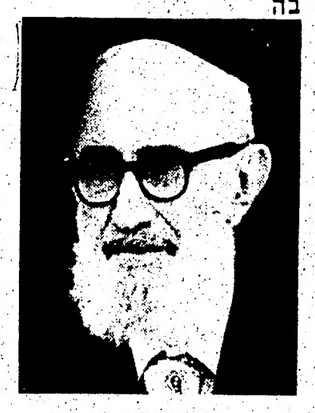

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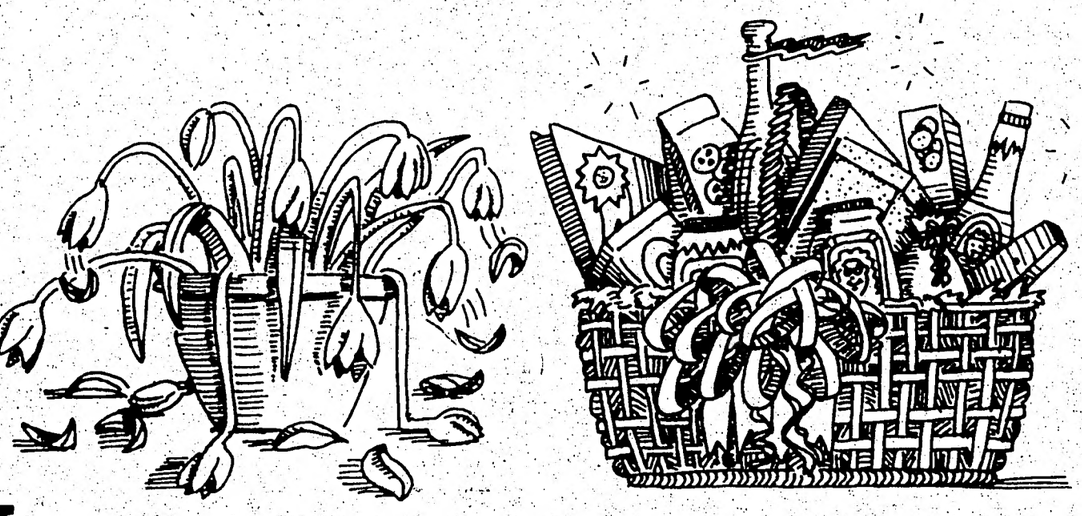

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Organizations and People

Notices appear in What's New

CJN gets award for promoting volunteerism

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The world of the volunteer has changed radically from the days when the only volunteer you met was the lady wearing a smock in the hospital gift shop.

"People are not satisfied to 'do good.' They want what they do to open a door to a career or to satisfy them in some other way," said Joanne Cooper, executive director, Volunteer Centre of Metro Toronto.

The Centre awarded a plaque recently to The Canadian Jewish News in recognition of the paper's support of volunteerism through publication of items in Miriam Herman's What's New column.

"We know when Miriam has a note in her column because the phone starts to ring off the hook," said Cooper.

The following item from one of her columns printed at the request of the North York Volunteer Centre, shows how closely volunteers are being matched to the need:

"Volunteers interested in learning telemarketing skills can become involved with a project at the Arthritis Society. The volunteers will be trained. Good telephone manner and communications skills are needed."

Herman said she has been printing volunteer notices ever since she first started at The Canadian Jewish News in 1971.

"The notices jibe with the style of my column," she said. "They are short and to the point. I try to get some in every week but sometimes it is not possible because of space restrictions."

She said she has often received calls from the North York Volunteer office thanking her for using items which produced the right volunteers.

"I think it is part of the background of Jewish people that they believe in helping others," she said. "The interesting thing is that you never know where the response will come from when it's printed in The CJN."

The CJN is the third newspaper to be so honored by the Metro Volunteer Centre, the others being The Toronto Star and The Toronto Sun.

Volunteering is so much a part of Canadian life that last year seven of every 10 Canadians did some kind of volunteer work. A survey by Statistics Canada from March 86 to March 87 disclosed that 20% of volunteers are now in the 15-24 age bracket. Another 20% are 65 or older. A total of 55% of all volunteers are women.

One facet of the new volunteerism is the number of young people who volunteer. Some high schools are offering course credits in return for community service by students. Cooper and her colleagues are in and out of classrooms describing volunteer opportunities and they work with Boards of Education in all of Metro helping to shape courses and in training teachers.

Just as important as recruiting young people is

Joanne Cooper

the push that business is giving, so universal in fact that the Volunteer Centre described it as "the new corporate challenge."

Warner Lambert and Aetna Casualty encourage their employees to use holiday time to care for children at the camp for terminally ill cancer patients.

Three other companies, Canada Life, Sun Life and Travellers Insurance, give their employees an extra hour for lunch to deliver meals on wheels.

Some sections of our population are being actively canvassed for volunteers for the very first time, for example, New Canadians and people with special needs (disabled, etc.).

Though their command of English may be shaky, immigrant men, women and children are finding roles as volunteers; giving them experience in the Canadian way of life.

"You might ask what can a person with cerebral palsy or homebound in a wheelchair do?" said Cooper. "Well, with the right training and the right spot there is a place for them."

Among factors changing the face of volunteerism are earlier retirement ages, more women in the workforce, more families needing two incomes.

"Some companies are recognizing volunteer work as experience and are offering salaries to new employees which take the experience into account," Cooper said.

New Israel Fund forum set

TORONTO —
A teleconference with religious educator Leah Shakdiel, blocked from sitting on an Israeli town's religious council, will be held as part of a forum organized by the New Israel Fund of Canada on Thursday, Sept. 8 at Holy Blossom Temple.

Michele Landsberg, a Globe and Mail columnist, will conduct a telephone dialogue with Shakdiel in Israel on the dialectic between women's rights and a patriarchal legal system.

Landsberg will also moderate a panel discussion among three Israeli civil rights lawyers who will comment on the case as well as other issues of women's rights within Israeli law.

The teleconference and panel will take place in the Eisendrath Auditorium of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., and the program will start promptly at 8. Admission is free.

Shakdiel, a religious educator in Yerucham, Israel, was nominated to her town's religious council in January, 1986. Religious councils administer services to citizens in religious areas such as marriage, divorce and funerals. Shakdiel was blocked from being seated by the religious affairs ministry but her appointment was upheld by the Supreme Court of Israel.

Her case was argued by lawyers from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, a New Israel Fund grantee. Despite her Supreme Court victory, Yerucham's current religious council continues to prevent Shakdiel from taking her place.

Questions that Landsberg and Shakdiel will address in the teleconference include details of her case from start to present, whether she sees herself primarily as a victim of sexism, her thoughts about the implications of her case for Orthodox women inside and outside Israel, and whether she thinks her case and others like it are pushing the religious establishment in Israel further to the right.

A panel of three distinguished Israeli civil rights lawyers will discuss the legal implications of the Shakdiel case. The panelists are Rachel Benziman, professor of Law, Hebrew University; Neta Goldman, attorney, Association for Civil Rights in Israel; and Frances Raday, professor of labor law, Hebrew University. They will be in Toronto to participate in consultations aimed at assisting the Israeli lawyers in establishing a women's legal defence fund in Israel.

As part of the panel discussion, the lawyers will also address how drafting a constitution in Israel would affect women's rights, equal employment and sexual harassment in the workplace, and legal responses to growing demands for increased civil liberties in Israel and the territories.

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Organizations and People

For refusal to reschedule meetings conflicting with Jewish holidays

Trustee blasts York Region Board of Education

By
PHIL FINE

VAUGHAN, Ont.—The only Jewish trustee on the York Region Board of Education has blasted his colleagues' continued refusal to reschedule committee meetings which conflict with Jewish holidays.

Ted Berger says the board isn't ready to deal with the social issues of the times.

At the board's Aug. 29 meeting, board chairman Charles Cooper ruled out of order a motion by Berger that would have allowed the board to override its bylaws and reconsider its refusal to reschedule a subcommittee meeting set for Sept. 12, the first day of Rosh Hashanah. None of the trustees spoke against the ruling.

Berger, who lives in Vaughan, sits on the subcommittee.

Vaughan resident Bernie Green, who presented a brief at the Aug. 29 meeting, was also critical of the trustees' actions.

"I think some of their attitudes bordered on blatant racism," he told The CJN.

Green, who presented the board with a 200-name petition, told trustees that scheduling a meeting on Rosh Hashanah would automatically exclude a segment of the population from attending.

Green also said the board's action contradicts both the spirit and the principles of multiculturalism.

In an interview last week, Cooper said he thought Green's charges of racism were extreme. Cooper also dismissed a comment by Berger that if the chairman had come out in favor of rescheduling, the other trustees would have swung into line.

"That's trustee Berger's opinion and he's entitled to it," Cooper told The CJN. "The only power the chairman has is through his colleagues...I think Mr. Berger has never understood that and perhaps that's why he's never gotten along with the board."

Berger says holding the subcommittee meeting on Sept. 12 will deny the Jewish community the opportunity of examining 50 bylaw changes scheduled for discussion that evening.

"I'm locked out and the Jewish community is locked out too," he told The CJN.

Berger says that as a sign of protest, trustees and residents should stay away from the meeting.

He also says he's dismayed by the board's decision to schedule high school graduation ceremonies this fall on Friday night.

"Why can't they be on Thursday or Wednesday night?" he asked.

Holiday prompts OMA date change

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO — The Ontario Medical Association has recently announced a change in the date of an important committee meeting, originally scheduled to fall on Yom Kippur.

An OMA spokesman told The Canadian Jewish News that chairman Dr. John Fay has rescheduled the annual planning committe meeting so that no conflict with Yom Kippur would occur.

The new date for the meeting is Sept. 22, the day after Yom Kippur.

According to Jean Chow of the OMA public affairs office, the planning committee meeting was only tentatively scheduled for Sept. 21 soon after the last annual meeting in June.

When the conflict was brought to the attention of the OMA staff, via a number of phone calls from concerned members, the date was changed.

Dr. Earl Myers, past president of the OMA, said that all potential problems would be alleviated by rescheduling.

The OMA joins the growing list of institutions and organizations who have been making efforts to recognize the diverse cultural needs of its membership.

Others include the University of Toronto, which has cancelled the first two days of school this year because of Rosh Hashanah, a first in the history of the university.

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"You are trailblazers," says TJC's Helfenbaum

Agency to administer Agudas Hamishpoche fund

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

More than 200 members of the related Rubinoff, Naftolin and other families applauded recently as the executives of their organization, the Agudas Hamishpoche, recently signed an agreement to create a $100,000 philanthropic fund under the auspices of the United Jewish Welfare Fund/Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund.

The signing, which took place during the organization's 60th anniversary banquet at Toronto's Beth Torah Synagogue, marked the first time the TJC will administer such a fund for a society, landsmanschaften or family organization like the Agudas Hamishpoche.

"You have broken new ground in establishing this philanthropic fund. You are trailblazers," Samuel Helfenbaum, the director of TJC's Endowment and Bequest Fund, told the assembled guests.

For members of this large family who were present at the banquet, including this writer, it was a gala evening.

Between courses, many relatives stepped into the foyer to examine two large family group photographs from the late 1930s. Some also consulted a computerized listing of the extended family tree, and flipped through a photograph album of the last big anniversary party five years earlier.

Members of the Rubinoff, Naftolin, Arnoff and other families, all descended from a family named Rubinovitch that lived near Minsk, Russia, began emigrating to Canada in the first decade of this century.

Most settled in Toronto within walking distance of each other, on streets like Fenning, Shaw, Ossington, Tecumseh, Niagara, Dundas and Queen, and in the area known as the Junction.

The Agudas Hamishpoche, or United Families Organization, was established in 1928 as a means of keeping the children and grandchildren from growing up as strangers.

By making interest-free loans, repayable at $2 a week, the organization's loan society helped many a family through the Depression. A Ladies' Auxiliary and a Relative Young Women's league held teas, dinners, rummage sales and other events to raise money for charity. In recent years, there has been talk of establishing a branch of the Agudas Hamishpoche for the younger generation.

Today, in Toronto, London, Kitchener, Windsor, Detroit and other cities in Canada and the United States, a galaxy of people proudly claim to be affiliated by blood or marriage to the Agudas Hamishpoche.

In Toronto alone, members of the extended family may comprise as much as 1% of the city's Jewish population.

Left with a sizable sum in the treasury after selling off their hall at Wilson and Bathurst several years ago, the organization's membership voted overwhelmingly last July in favor of establishing the $100,000 Agudas Hamishpoche Philanthropic Fund.

Norman Rubinoff, whose father Yehuda Rubinoff was one of the founders, said annual interest from the fund will help support charitable projects that the Agudas Hamishpoche officers recommended.

"How proud our parents would have been to see us perpetuate their good deeds on behalf of the Jewish community here and in Israel," said vice-president Morris (Nafty) Naftolin, whose father Isaac Naftolin was the Agudas Hamishpoche's first president 60 years ago.

More public funding needed for seniors homes: survey

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

Two-thirds of those surveyed in a Gallup poll believe that increased government funding should be directed towards the province's non-profit homes which care for the elderly, says the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors.

According to Association's president Moshe Greengarten, "Ethnic non-profit groups (like that which runs the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care) form one of the backbones of the self-help community, providing services for seniors in their own environments, languages and religions."

The Association, formerly known as the Ontario Association of Homes for the Aged, commissioned the Gallup Poll to determine the public's perception of non-profit homes in Ontario.

"We're pleased with the support for non-profit homes this poll would suggest; it indicates the public has confidence in our ability to provide quality care to the residents we serve," said Greengarten.

Greengarten said, "Non-profit homes are those which are run by volunteers, owned by the community and whose bottom line is the care of the elderly."

Innovative services

Statistics show that, in general, costs to patients or their families for equivalent services at non-profit homes are the same as those at private, profit homes, he said.

At present, private profit homes get more money from the government than do most non-profit homes, the Association president added.

The results of the poll have already been brought into question because many of those surveyed did not know the differences between profit and non-profit services for seniors.

"This finding would indicate that we must become involved in an educational program," said Greengarten.

The Association has 215 members, including 171 homes for the aged in Ontario, senior citizens housing projects, non-profit nursing homes, community home support agencies and chronic care hospitals.

Many of the member organizations have been introducing a series of innovative community services such as meals-on-wheels and home-help programs, Greengarten stated.

The poll was conducted during the two periods, June 1 to June 11 and July 6 to July 9 and involved across-Ontario, in-home interviews of 1,117 adults, aged 18 and over. Samples of this size are considered accurate within four percentage points.

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Competition set for Jewish play

TORONTO —

A competition to stimulate the writing of plays of Jewish interest has been established by the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, an arm of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Allan Freedman, chairman of the TJCC's Theatre Committee, says the award will be $1,000. The competition is not limited to Jewish writers but plays must focus on Jewish themes.

The contest is open to Canadian residents living in Canada. Submissions must be original, never before produced, and in English.

Judges will be chosen from among leading members of Toronto's theatre community.

Deadline for entries is May 31, 1989, with the award to be announced in the autumn of 1989.

Freedman stresses that the TJCC will not stage the play or advertise or market it in any way. The contest's purpose is to encourage playwrights and inspire the writing of new works on Jewish themes.

The Toronto Jewish Cultural Council was created in 1977 and its mandate is to promote, stimulate and increase Jewish cultural activities for the large and growing Jewish community in and around Metro Toronto.

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Organizations and People

Shabbatons better reflect young couples needs

Leo Steiner helps improve Lubavitch programs

By
PHIL FINE

This is one of a series of profiles of young Jewish leaders in the Metro Toronto area.

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TORONTO —

If Leo Steiner is anything, he's not a timeserver.

Indeed, during the first six months the Toronto native sat on the governing council of Chabad Lubavitch Southern Ontario, he put forward two proposals which changed the focus of Lubavitch programming.

One proposal lead to the reorientation of Shabbatons to better reflect the needs of young couples concerned about both their purpose in life and about Judaism itself.

The other proposal resulted in the establishment of Torah classes at Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, at lawyers', doctors' and accountants' offices and even at a Metro prison.

But this hasn't been the extent of Steiner's work for Lubavitch. He's also devoted countless hours to Chabad's educational programs.

Right now, for example, he's teaching two classes in Gemara: one in a private home and the other at the Lubavitch community centre at 770 Chabad Gate. He's also teaching a private class in Chassidic philosophy.

Such work is nothing new for Steiner who frequently speaks at such Lubavitch functions as melava malkas, farbrengens and siyumim and who taught Chumash for a year in Toronto to a group of 25 Romanian Jews. Last fall, he gave the keynote speech at a special Shabbaton for Canadian and American college students gathered at the Lubavitch community of Crown Heights, NY.

All this activity might not seem so daunting if Steiner were a paid employee of Lubavitch. But

Leo Steiner

he isn't. Everything he does for Chabad is voluntary and must be squeezed into a schedule already weighed down by commitments to industry, social agencies and by his own practice as a clinical psychologist.

In that capacity, Steiner spends two days a week treating both children and adults suffering from maladies as varied as insomnia, depression, alcoholism and schizophrenia.

When not in his clinic, he's busy evaluating programs and supervising therapists at the Native Community Crisis Team in Toronto. Or working as a psychological consultant for the Canadian Children's Centre in Windsor, Ont. Or talking to Lytton Industries in Toronto about stress assessments for Lytton personnel. Or lending his expertise to the in-house education committee of Toronto's Orthodox Mental Health Therapist Group. Or drawing up lectures for the undergraduate course in psychology he's teaching this fall at York University.

What he isn't doing is losing his mind. Although Steiner jokes about the demands his schedule makes on his wife Sherryl and their four children ("We're putting the kids in foster homes!"), he's hardly the picture of the harried, chain-smoking social worker. Indeed, the black-haired, bearded, bespectacled Lubavitcher is calm, reflective and articulate.

If there's a reason why he's so, it lies, says Steiner, in the Lubavitch concept of the Chassid who throws his very essence into everything he does.

"When I'm listening to my patients or when I'm consulting on native issues, I think the key to not coming apart at the seams is to be involved in whatever I am doing at that moment."

But Steiner credits Divine purpose as much as anything else for his seeming ability to do so much in each 24-hour period.

"God puts you down here for a certain amount of years to do a task and you're not quite sure what that task is," he says.

"I'm not sure which task relates to why I'm here in this world but I'm going to do it to the nth degree of my ability."

And his ability is considerable. In addition to a solid Jewish education (Eitz Chaim and Ner Israel in Toronto), Steiner, fluent in both Hebrew and Yiddish, holds a BA in Jewish studies from Maimonides College in Toronto, an MED in educational psychology from John Carroll University in Cleveland and a PhD in clinical psychology from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. Not surprisingly, his doctoral thesis — Freudian roots in Jewish mysticism — reflects his interest in both Judaism and psychology.

In addition to being a pyschologist, Steiner is an ordained rabbi having received his smicha from Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung of Montreal.

Although Steiner was 14 when he first met Menacham Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, he did not immediately become a dedicated follower. Today, however, he has no doubt of where he stands.

"The level of my commitment to the man and to the movement is always increasing."

Although modest about his own accomplishments, Steiner speaks with pride when talking about those of Lubavitch. The organization, he says, has contacts with approximately 8,500 Jewish homes, of which 2,000 are Russian.

The network is not limited to Metro Toronto but extends across the country. Indeed, says Steiner, "virtually every Russian Jew in Canada is known to us and has contact with us."

Such an accomplishment, indicative as it is of an activist mindset, reflects Steiner's own purposive conception of the Jewish faith.

"Judaism is the only religion which speaks to and seeks to find purpose," he says. "Not just for the Jewish people but for every man, woman and child in the world."

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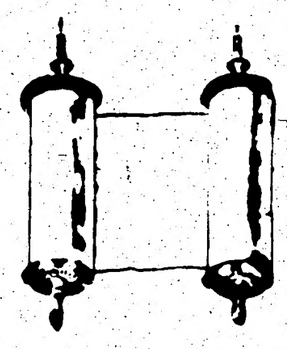

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Rosh Hashanah 5749

On behalf of my dear wife, Susan Rachel, my family and myself, I wish all our readers a year of blessing, Yiddische nachas, long life, good health, many simchas, many mitzvahs and Redemption for Klal Yisrael, amen. . . .

Rabbi Gottesman

A new year comes, a new beginning!

We create our own blessings.

The saintly Baal Shem Tov saw the aged water-carrier of his town, Reb Chaikel, loaded with his drums of water. "How goes it, Reb. Chaikel?" asked the Baal Shem Tov.

The old man sighed. "How shall it go? Every day loaded down with heavy barrels of water, up steep steps, backbreaking work, and there's hardly enough to make parnassah!"

The next day, Reb Chaikel passed again, and again the saintly rabbi asked him how it goes.

"Baruch Hashem!" responded the old man boldly. "It is a tough livelihood, but look — my feet can walk, my hands can lift, I have persevered up to now and we will continue, with the help of the Almighty!" And he sauntered off to his work.

The Baal Shem Tov turned to his disciples: "Reb Chaikel explained to me a contradiction in the Talmud that I did not understand.

"In one place the Talmud states that 'a person is judged on Rosh Hashanah.' (Rosh Hashanah 16)

"In another place it states that 'a person is judged every day!' (Ibid)

"How is that possible? Are we judged on Rosh Hashanah, or are we judged every day? But now I understand. It is true that on Rosh Hashanah it is decided how much each person will earn, and how he will earn it.

But each day it's decided how a person will appreciate and enjoy his livelihood! One day Reb Chaikel was discouraged, the next day thankful — and that changes day by day!"

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On Rosh Hashanah a great book is opened with all our names. There are no great persons, no big shots, before the Throne of the Almighty, before the face of Destiny. The mightiest tycoon can be brought down very low by the little artery popping, by one little cell growing angry and rampant. The lowliest person can suddenly be showered with blessings and success.

We are all small. We are all children. We are all just fleeting shadows on the great screen of Eternity.

All that we have, all that remains of our existence is the good we have done; the mitzvahs; the teshuvah (repentance); the prayers that unite us with our own neshamas and with the One above.

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Stereotypical images abound

Teens' survey turns up ignorance about Jews

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Four teenage girls found out this summer just how little some people actually know about Jews, Judaism and Israel.

The girls, all from the Toronto area and all counsellors at Camp Moshava at Ennismore, Ont., helped conduct a survey of the general public's knowledge of Judaism and Jewry in nearby Peterborough.

The survey, which involved close to 150 campers and which consisted of questions drawn up by the campers themselves, was the brainchild of Ralph Tammam, head of the camp. Much of the survey took place in the Peterborough Mall.

Eighteen-year-old Lina Frasko discovered that some people have an exaggerated idea of the size of world Jewry. One person, for example, told her Jews make up 30% of the global population.

Frasko also found that stereotypical images of Jews abound. To her question, "When you think of a Jew, what characteristics come to mind?" passers-by said "tanned", "greedy" and "large-nosed."

But Frasko, a graduate of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, wasn't shocked by the responses.

"I was expecting some people to react this way. I guess when you really confront it, it's weird," she said. "I guess I was pretty sheltered when I grew up."

Naomi Nusbaum, 18, found out that many teens had no notion of the diminutiveness of Israel. Some thought it to be one-half the size of Canada; others didn't know where in the world it was. When Nusbaum told the teens Israel was less than one-quarter the size of Quebec, the youngsters expressed surprise.

Their responses left her nonplussed.

"I was very shocked because I thought people who have some sort of knowledge of what's happening would have a better knowledge of Israel," she told The CJN.

Nineteen-year-old Paula Posner discovered that a clerk in a record store thought Lebanon was the Israeli capital.

But when told it was Jerusalem, he became interested in the survey and asked many questions about Judaism — particularly, the concept of the chosen people.

Posner says she found it difficult to tell the clerk why, when Israel was the Jewish homeland, Jews still live in the Diaspora.

She also came across one person who thought only 1,000 Jews had perished in the Holocaust. But Nusbaum interviewed a teenage boy who knew the correct number.

Seventeen-year-old Leora Erez found that despite the stereotpyes, people were open to correction.

To Frasko's question about Jewish characteristics, Erez found most respondents thought Jews were good business people although one identified Jews as those who had still not accepted Jesus.

When she asked passers-by if they personally knew any Jews, teens said no but many businessmen said they knew of at least one Jewish family in Peterborough.

Posner says she has been inspired by the store clerk's questions — many of which, she couldn't answer — to learn more about Judaism.

Tammam says the rationale for the survey, a first for Camp Moshava, was to show the teens that the camp, run by B'nei Akiva, is surrounded by non-Jews who don't know much about Judaism or what goes on in the camp.

Phil White fete to aid leukemia research

TORONTO —

Leukemia research will benefit from a tribute reception honoring York Controller Phil White 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sept. 28 at the Lambton Golf and Country Club, 100 Scarlett Rd.

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Organizations and People

Encourages colleagues to become involved

Dentist returns from Israel volunteer stint

By
DORIS STRUB EPSTEIN

TORONTO —

Dr. Marvin Klotz will never forget his first day at the children's dental clinic in Jerusalem.

Klotz, a pediatric specialist in dentistry was greeted with — "we saved all the problems for you doctor."

And they weren't kidding. "The amount of work was beyond my expectations. I was overwhelmed at first," said Klotz.

Then, his first patient ran away. As Klotz chatted in Yiddish with the father, an Orthodox rabbi, the boy tried to make a run for it and the two of them had to forcibly bring him back to the clinic.

The noise and bustle of the clinic was a far cry from Klotz's quiet Toronto office. People shouted messages back and forth, parents hovered around and had to be constantly reassured about their kids. The average temperature was 37 degrees.

But Klotz adapted quickly. This included donning sandals and shorts, Israeli style.

Klotz has recently returned from a 3-week "tour of duty" with Dental Volunteers for Israel at a unique clinic in the Mekor Chaim neighborhood of Jerusalem.

He first heard about DVI several years ago when founder Trudi Birger, an Israeli, visited Toronto and spoke to Alpha Omega, the dental fraternity.

"I was intrigued that it was Israel, that it was children and that it would be a mitzvah," he said.

The fact that his daughter Jennifer would be attending Hebrew University for the year, was the final catalyst.

Although medical care is available to all Israelis through the country's medical insurance plan, dental care is very costly and is virtually impossible for families at a poverty level. And children do not receive free dental care in the schools.

As a result, there are children who have never held a toothbrush, visited a dentist or had a cavity filled. There are children 5 and younger with mouths full of teeth that need to be extracted. Many have teeth that have simply rotted away through sheer neglect and poor dietary habits.

Trudi Birger, who was a child during the Holocaust, vowed that if she survived, she would devote her life to helping children. She gave up her career as a micro-biologist to create the clinic and DVI upon which it depends for its existence.

In 1982, DVI began with 20 children as an experiment. Today nearly 100 per day utilize this service. They are referred from welfare and other social service agencies. Klotz' patients were a mix of Sephardi, recent Russian immigrants, and Arab children. Many were Orthodox Jews.

Receiving almost no government funding, the clinic relies upon aproximately 90% of its operating budget — $15,000 per month — from privately solicited donations.

The modern clinic has four fully equipped dental chairs, and a separate facility for teaching prevention.

An Israeli dentist works full time but all other dental staff are dentists from the United States, Canada, Sweden and France who have volunteered their services for up to one month. They pay their own travel expenses and in return receive a free apartment. Working hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. six days a week.

For Klotz, this working holiday was an extraordinary way to experience Israel. He was able to connect with people he would not have met as a tourist and get in touch with the pulse of Israeli life.

While he feels immense gratification with his experience at the clinic, Klotz strongly encourages more Jewish dentists to become involved. He appeals to his colleagues to participate in DVI and support Israel morally and physically.

Klotz definitely plans to return. "I was proud and happy to be there," he said. He feels it is the least he can do. "If I was an Israeli, I would have been in three wars and my kids would now be in the army."

On Sunday, Sept. 18, at 7.30 p.m., a musical soiree will be held for DVI, at the home of Zuzik and Hy Brustein, 21 Bayview Ridge, Willowdale.

For information about DVI, call Dr. Alfred Intrater, at 654-4443 days, 489-7133 evenings.

Dr. Marvin Klotz with a young patient in the Dental Volunteers for Israel clinic in Jerusalem.

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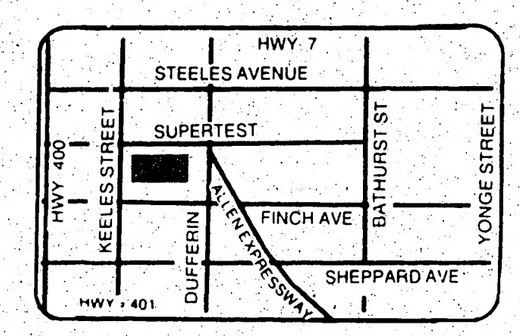

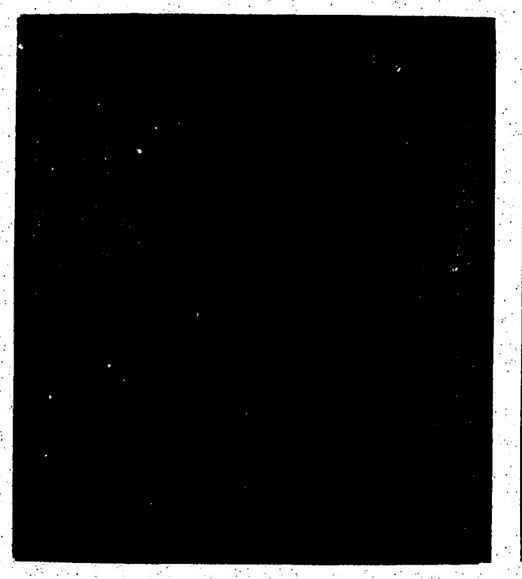

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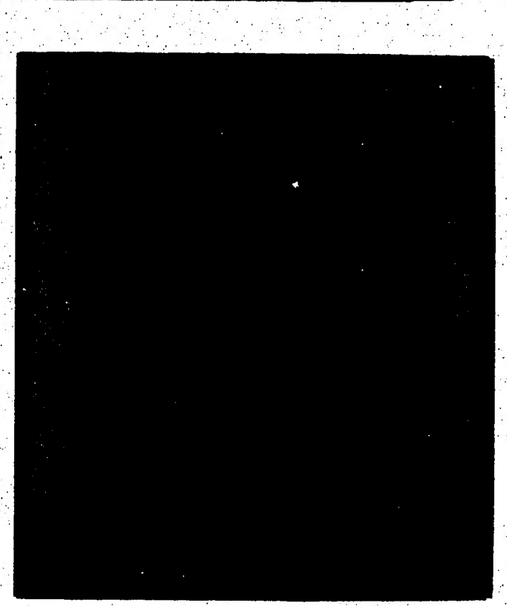

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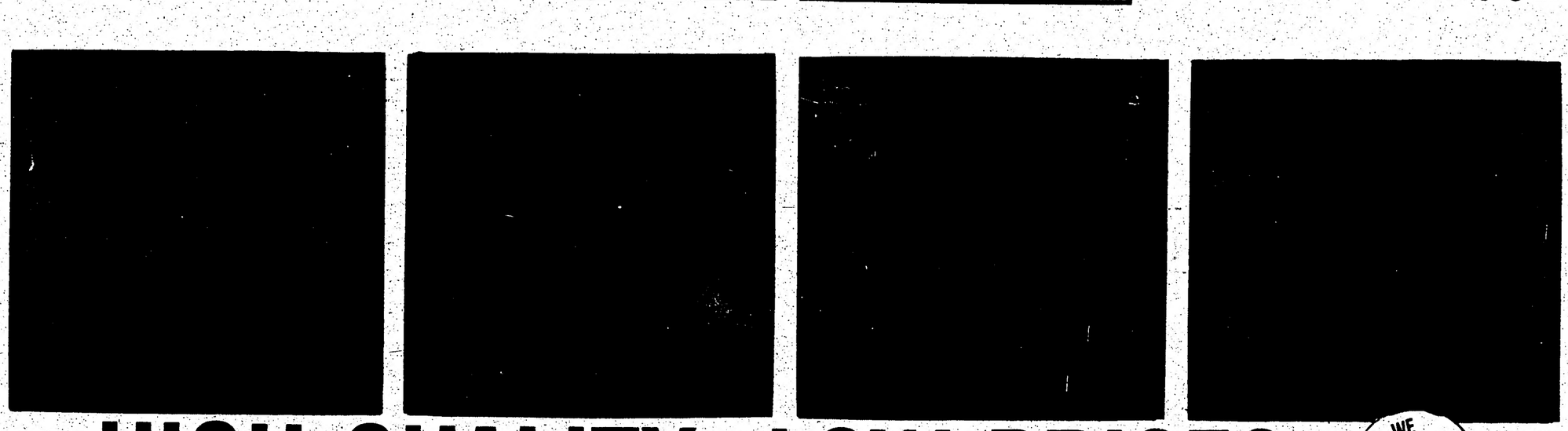

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Seen leaving for Tel Aviv University's overseas students program are (left to right) Michelle Wolman, Leah Richards, Jason Swaye, Susan Krakauer, Melissa Manly and Karen Devor.

Record number of students registered

TAU draws more Canucks

TORONTO —

More Canadian students are going to Tel Aviv University this year than ever before. Forty Canadians will participate in the 1988 fall semester and the 1988-1989 full year program of the university's overseas student program, topping 1988s enrollment for those programs by over 40%, says TAU's Canadian Friends organization.

Behind the students' choice, says Randi Elkind, coordinator of academic affairs in Canada for Tel Aviv University, are two persuasive factors: the university's attractive combination of features and the overseas program alumni who are effective emissaries for TAU and Israel.

"Students feel comfortable in coming to Tel Aviv University because it has everything they want including an excellent academic program taught by leading scholars in their field, an extra-curricular touring program that enables students to intimately discover the many facets of Israel through seminars, tours and excursions that are offered throughout the year, and the location of the university in the centre of the country.

Along with the rise in Canadian student enrollment at TAU, there is a rise in participation from other countries with 60 Latin Americans, 30 Europeans and 150 Americans participating in the overseas student program.

Furthermore, more Canadian parents than ever before have said they intend to visit their children in Israel, said Elkind. To this end, Tel Aviv University is sponsoring a special trip to Israel that runs from Dec. 21 through until Jan. 2; parents and friends are welcome.

Applications for the Overseas Student Program's 1989 spring semester, which begins in January with an intensive Hebrew language class are now being accepted.

For details about the Overseas Students Program or the Israel trip in December of 1988 contact Randi Elkind at the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, Office of Academic Affairs, 77 Davisville Ave., Suite 111, Toronto M4S 1G4 (416) 482-5077.

JIAS gets $28,121 grant

TORONTO —

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada was among 127 community groups from across the province to recently receive a grant for its multicultural programs.

A total of $4,240,997 was awarded to community groups to help them cover operating costs and run special programs for newcomers in Ontario, Citzenship Minister Gerry Phillips announced.

"The essence of being a citizen of Ontario is participation," Phillips said. "These community groups help newcomers learn skills needed to become active members of the community."

JIAS was awarded $28,121 under the Multicultural Service Program Grant program, which helps community-based groups maintain stability so that they can offer multicultural programs and services year-round.

Phillips, who is also the minister responsible for race relations, multiculturalism and the Ontario Human Rights Commission, added: "I am pleased that my ministry is abled to support these community groups. I know that with their help, we will make equal opportunity and access a reality."

Special Bonds trip planned for major Toronto developers

TORONTO —

A State of Israel Bonds Task Force will be leaving for Israel to examine prospects for real estate investment, new suppliers, and trades for the building industry.

Meetings scheduled between Canadian developers and their Israeli counterparts will provide a "remarkable opportunity for an exchange of views and ideas," the Bonds organization says in a release.

"Prominent Toronto developers are very excited about the prospects of investing in Israel, which can now compete on an equal basis in the International real estate community," Bonds states.

Confirmed on the trip so far are: Mr. Bob Daniels of Daniels Equiries, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guth of Somerset Homes, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Jelinek of the Carlton Group, Jeff Kerbel of the Kerbel Group, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Ogniewicz of Palisade Homes, Eli Shvill of the Kerbel Group, Ted Winick of Martin Atkins Real Estate, and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Zagdansky of Four Seasons Homes.

Participants will be doing everything from visiting historic sites, to meeting with high-ranking government officials, to visiting development projects, to talking to Israeli real estate and construction experts.

Jacques Vogler of the Bond office describes the trip as "the perfect mix between business and pleasure, a fabulous opportunity." The task force will return on Oct. 5.

For more information call Jacques Vogler at 789-3351.

Cantor Moses Oziel dies in car accident

TORONTO —

Relatives and friends are mourning the death in a car accident of Moses Oziel, 74, who was cantor of Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla congregation for 25 years.

The cantor was returning from a simcha in Montreal when the accident occurred.

Cantor Oziel was an authority on Sephardi music, customs and traditions.

Surviving are his wife, Anita, and five children, Esther of Montreal, Mercedes, Sol, Isaac and David of Toronto.

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Organizations and People

Israeli scouts take in the sights

Two visiting Israeli scouts kibbitz around during visit to the CN Tower.

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

About 28 Toronto families, some Jewish but mostly Gentile, recently participated in a program which saw 51 teenage Israeli scouts visit Southern Ontario.

The families played host to Israeli Boy and Girl Scouts during a brief stop in Toronto, part of their tour of North America.

Continuing a tradition that stretches back to 1963 when the first Israeli scouts came to Canada as part of an exchange program, the Boy Scouts of Canada, Greater Toronto Region, hosted the Israelis' visit.

After visiting such Toronto tourist meccas as the CN Tower, Eaton Centre, the Royal Ontario Museum and the Ontario Science Centre, the scouts traveled to the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue where they were welcomed by shul president James Harris and Rabbi Joseph Kelman.

Following dinner, they boarded a bus for a tour and campover at Niagara Falls.

The Israeli scouts are "young leaders" who have been chosen by the Boy and Girl Scout organization in Israel to visit North America in two "friendship caravans," said Robert Engel, coordinator of hospitality for the Canadian scouting organization.

Their 2-month North American visit consisted of visiting Boy and Girl Scout (or Girl Guide) camps in Canada and the United States, as well as Young Judaean and Jewish Community Centre camps, where they celebrated oneg Shabbat and participated in Israeli-style singing and dancing.

About 24 of the Israeli scouts toured in the "caravans," while the others were hired by various North American camps as counsellors, Engel said. In fact, the Israeli scouts are such good leaders, they are actively sought as counsellors by North American camps, he added.

The 10 days of touring, which in the past has taken the scouts to Washington, Montreal and Ottawa, was added to the visit as a "bonus" for the youngsters prior to their entry into army duty, he said.

Many of Israel's 55,000 scouts join Nahal, the national service which combines army duty with agricultural work.

As part of the spirit of exchange, he noted, the Boy Scouts of Canada in March sent an 83-person delegation of scouts and parents to tour Israel and visit their Israeli counterparts.

Israeli research may help improve "lazy eye" treatment

REHOVOT —

Teamwork between a Weizmann Institute mathematician and nearby Kaplan Hospital physicians may help improve the treatment of amblyopia, commonly known as "lazy eye."

Taking time out from his prime work at the institute — researching the amplitude and magnitude of earthquakes in collaboration with seismologists worldwide — Michael Shimshoni agreed to help ophthalmologists Moshe Oliver Shmuel Levantovsky, Ron Neumann, and others present the data that they had accumulated on children with amblyopia.

"Doctors are used to working with people, not numbers. I, on the other hand, am much more at home with mathematics," he explains very modestly about his on-going role in the work on amblyopia.

"So I help the doctors by organizing and processing the data, which sometimes enables them to see patterns which would otherwise not have been apparent, and might therefore have been ignored. Computer-stored data also makes it much easier for doctors to collate the results of follow-up examinations, and to plan for long-term treatment."

However marginal Shimshoni sees his contribution, he repeatedly emphasizes the importance of overall efforts to improve amblyopia treatment. He believes that every attempt must be made to strengthen the vision of the diseased eye, in the event that the vision of the good eye is lost.

—So far, Shimshoni's work has helped Oliver and his staff to clarify at least one central question concerning the success of amblyopia treatment, depending upon its type, and has made inroads on a second.

Amblyopia is treated in small children like most lazy behavior — nipped in the bud before it turns into a bad habit. At an early age, the child's good eye is covered, forcing the lazy eye to become active and improve its visual acuity.

Although it was agreed that, to be most effective, this type of treatment, known as occlusion therapy, had to begin at early infancy, there was some dispute as to the cut-off age beyond which it was no longer considered justified.

Some physicians set this age at 8 years old, claiming that occlusion therapy is not beneficial beyond this age and moreover, that older children, due to negative social consequences, are generally far less willing to walk around with a patched eye than younger patients.

Although other doctors acknowledged the difficulties, Shimshoni and his colleagues at Kaplan Hospital found that, if a child complies with treatment, the age limit for beginning therapy can be set at 11 or 12.

Reviewing the data that Shimshoni had processed on 350 children treated at Kaplan Hospital, doctors were pleased to note that the visual acuity scores of children in all age groups rose, although scores of younger children rose slightly more than those of children aged 8 to 11½.

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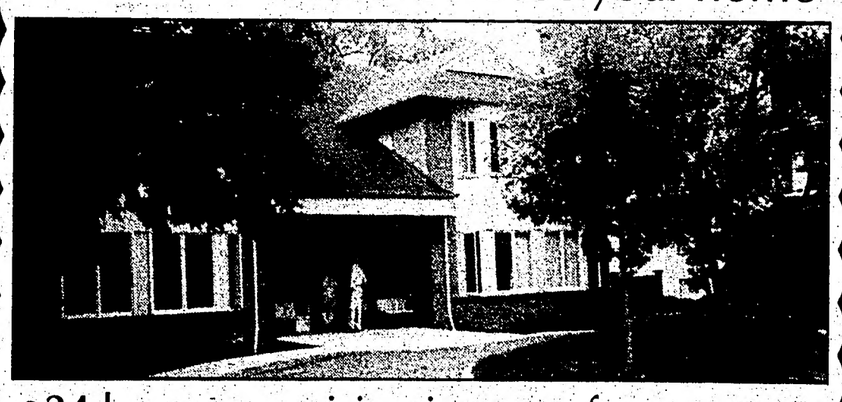

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Speakers, gourmet cuisine at Maple Lake Lodge

Jewish Vegetarian Society to hold Shabbaton

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
An increasing interest in vegetarianism in the Jewish community has prompted the Jewish Vegetarian Society of Toronto to sponsor its first Shabbaton Weekend at Maple Lake Lodge near Parry Sound Oct. 7-10.

The almost dormant group was revived last fall and it now has about 80 members. "This is only a small fraction of the people in our community who are vegetarians," said chairman Evelyn Dorfman.

"We think that every other family has one member who is either a vegetarian or very interested in the subject. Just go over a list of your relatives and friends and the number of vegetarians will surprise you."

There is a powerful connection between Judaism and vegetarianism Dorfman said, citing Genesis 1-29. And God said: "Behold I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed — to you it shall be for food."

The keynote speaker at the Shabbaton weekend is Richard Schwartz, author of Judaism and Vegetarianism.

Schwartz, who is an associate professor of mathematics at the College of Staten Island, New York, said he became a vegetarian to help solve the world food crisis.

Although there are four vegetarian restaurants in the Jewish community, most vegetarians prefer not to eat out, Dorfman told The CJN.

She is hoping that the silent vegetarians will come forward and join the Society so that they can take part in recipe sharing and enjoy the benefits of being part of a group.

Another speaker at the weekend is Roberta Kalechofsky, writer, publisher and founder of Jews for Animal Rights. She is a widely published author and social commentator whose unorthodox views are bound to enliven the Shabbaton Weekend.

The Shabbaton will feature a gourmet cuisine of totally vegetarian food, traditional Shabbat services with mechitza observed at the services. There will be study group sessions on Judaism and vegetarianism, kashrut and shechitah, animal rights and welfare and human health. The program also includes folk dancing, music, nature walks and poetry readings.

The cost is $95 per day, inclusive. Maple Lodge is a kosher establishment.

For information about the Shabbaton or about the Society call 785-0677 or write to the Jewish Vegetarian Society, 22 Shelborne Ave., Toronto M5N 1Y7.

Veteran diplomat Morris dies

JERUSALEM —
Veteran Irish-born Israeli diplomat Yaacov Morris died here recently after a short illness, at age 68.

Morris moved to pre-statehood Israel from his native Belfast, joining the Hagana during the 1948 War of Independence. While editor of the Jewish Agency's publication Youth Horizons, he was asked by then foreign minister Golda Meir to join her ministry.

From 1961 until his retirement in 1986, he served as Israel's consul to New York; consul-general to Sweden and to India; UN attache; ambassador to New Zealand; and first minister in London. He was also a lecturer, author and poet.

His survivors include a brother, Bernard, in Toronto. He and Morris were among a group who organized a branch of the Habonim youth movement in Belfast in their youth.

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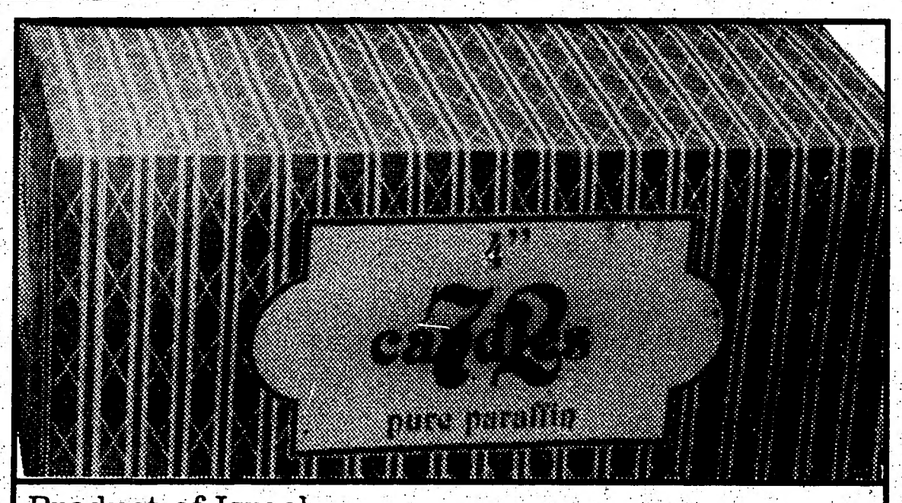

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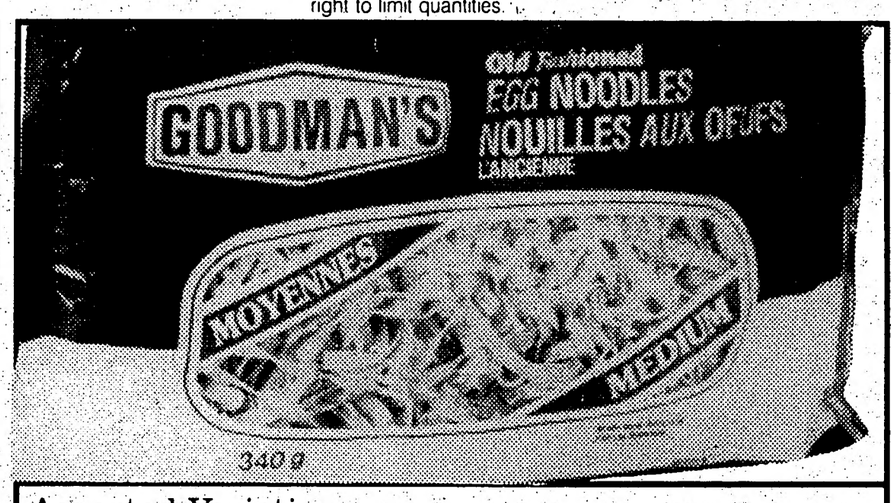

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Organizations and People

Montrealer leads fitness classes

Scher gets physical at Israel YMCA

By
DIANE ROSENSCHEIN

JERUSALEM —

Three mornings a week, a group of about 20 women gather in the YMCA gymnasium in Jerusalem to run and bend, stretch and bounce. Some sing along with the accompanying tape recording, some count to themselves; all watch and follow the woman in the middle.

The "woman in the middle" is Harriet Scher, a Montrealer who immigrated to Israel.

"I love working and living in Jerusalem," says Harriet. "Since it's an international city, you meet people from all over. It's one of the things I find so interesting about teaching at the YMCA."

Harriet never expected to live in Jerusalem. When she was growing up in Montreal, she had no particular Zionist upbringing. It was her husband, Don, who came from a business trip to Israel with glowing reports about his stay and a desire to move there.

Two years later, in 1974, Harriet accompanied Don on another business trip to Jerusalem. They decided then that Jerusalem was where they would like to raise their family.

"It struck us as such a nice place to live," Harriet says. "Living in a Jewish state, you don't have to work hard at being Jewish. We thought it would be a good place for the children."

Their children, Michal, Yael and Avi, were 14, 12, and 8 when the Schers came on aliya in 1981. They had moved to Phoenix several years previously, having already set a date for their eventual move to Israel. When that date arrived, they went ahead with their plans and came to an absorption centre outside of Jerusalem.

Thinking back, Harriet remembers a fairly easy absorption. "It was what we expected. It took us longer to feel comfortable with Hebrew than we had been led to believe, but eventually, we did."

Harriet still conducts exercise classes mostly in English. "Sometimes when I'm working," she admits, "the names of different parts of the body just escape me in Hebrew, while it all comes naturally in English. Everyone seems to understand."

Recently, Harriet and another fitness expert, Rochelle Oseasohn, decided to open Jerusalem's first comprehensive exercise studio. It will be based at the YMCA, and will offer classes in aerobics, pre- and post-natal exercises, back therapy, stretching, etc.

Harriet feels very good about living in Jerusalem. "We had no idealistic dreams, and so have had no real disappointments. There is so much that we love about it here; the people and the casual lifestyle, for example.

"Yet, there are aspects of life that we find annoying too — the problems and pressures caused by current religious-secular tensions and the current political situation.

"But we don't think about going back. Sometimes we think of taking a sabbatical in Paris or London. It would be nice to get out of the pressure cooker every once in a while. But this is where we live."

Harriet Scher (right) with her students in Jerusalem.

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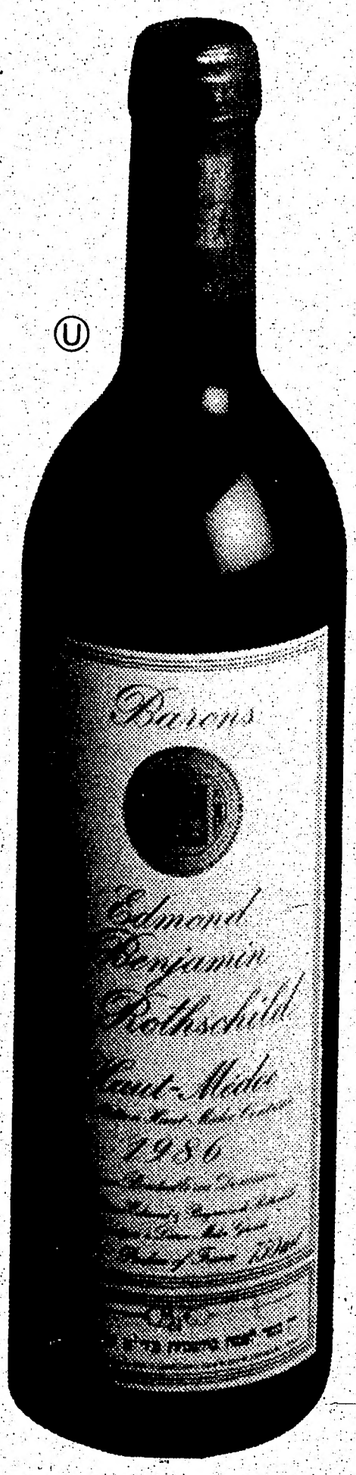

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Israelis at Riding Congress

A riding centre for disabled Israelis is to be set up next year near Ilanot. This photo shows youngsters and their instructors, with one of the horses, at Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Inc. in Pennsylvania.

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — For the first time Israel was represented at the recent International Therapeutic Riding Congress held at York University by Anita Shkedi of the Israeli Riding Club for the Disabled and Dr. David Snir of the Lewenstein Rehabilitation Centre.

A total of 21 countries were represented at the 6th Congress by medical, therapy and equine experts who gave scientific papers.

The Israeli club was started three years ago by Shkedi, an immigrant from England, with a background in child development and riding.

"The Jewish Agency has approved a centre for therapeutic riding for the disabled in the woodland area of Ilanot," Shkedi told The CJN. "It is linked to Project Renewal and their development of the municipality of Qadiina."

The centre will be under the auspices of the Wingate Institute and a training program for instructors will be given by Shkedi and Snir.

Marcee Rosenzweig, a Toronto physiotherapist and member of the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association, will go to Israel early next year to give a course in hippotherapy which is defined as medical treatment using the movement of horses.

"More than 7% of the Israeli population is disabled including veterans of several wars so there is an obvious need for such a centre," Shkedi said.

Rosenzweig said Viet Nam veterans in the U.S. are among the most enthusiastic advocates of hippotherapy, stating that as a "risk sport" it improves their mental and physical well being.

Besides disabled veterans, the Centre in Israel will be treating people ranging from 3 to 60 years of age with both physical and mental problems such as cerebral palsy, loss of limbs, paraplegia, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis.

The Israeli Riding Club for the Disabled has 150 members with the demand for its services increasing, Shkedi said.

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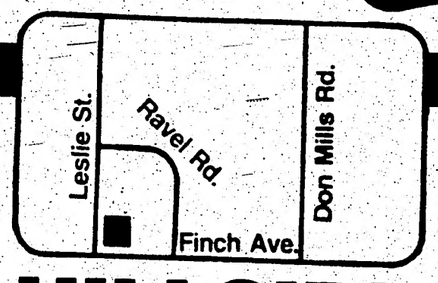

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Organizations and People

But rewards can be great, says rabbi

"Strong roots" essential for interfaith dialogue

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — What risk, if any, does dialogue with Christians pose to Jewish identity?

In the view of one of England's leading Jewish figures in the ecumenical movement, the risk is negligible, so long as the Jews taking part have "strong roots" and an open heart.

Rabbi Norman Solomon, who spoke at the recent annual colloquium of the International Council of Christians and Jews, said in an interview with The CJN that the viability of the planet depends on harmony between the religions of the world. "The risks are not great, but the rewards are," he said.

Solomon, an Orthodox rabbi and the director of the Centre for the Study of Judaism and Jewish/Christian Relations in Birmingham, dismissed the often-expressed arguments that dialogue between Jews and Christians threatens Jewish identity or increases the risk of conversion.

"So long as Jews have the information and understanding of what it means to be Jews, Jewish identity will hold," Solomon said.

And the chance of causing conversions "doesn't seem to be a serious risk in the West, as it would have been in the Middle Ages. The mainstream churches no longer proselytize against the Jews," he said.

Solomon characterized the present state of dialogue as being conducted with a "broader, world view," instead of the traditional approach of reconciling another religion's "truth" with one's own. The rabbi's term is a "shared framework," focusing on such common concerns as the concept of an interventionist God, the general role of God in solving modern problems, and interpretation of biblical texts in the face of modern scientific discovery.

Solomon was steadfast in the belief that these discussions could in fact affirm Jewish self identity, that "explaining leads to self-understanding." At the same time, there is a "mutual enrichment," and most importantly, according to the rabbi, a "peaceful relationship . . . not rivalry, but understanding."

Jewish participation in the ecumenical movement has had a particularly high profile in England, where the Anglican Church (Church of England) remains a powerful influence. Fostering a positive relationship between Jews and the Anglican church has received a "lot of support" from Orthodox Jewry, Solomon said, although he added that a lot of Jews "still don't take it seriously."

In 1987, Solomon convened an "Anglican-Jewish Consultation" in England with the Bishop of Ripon. He is also the Jewish consultant to the drafting committee of guidelines for a paper on Christian-Jewish relations tabled at the recent Lambeth Conference of Anglicans, which meets only once every decade.

The most recent version of the document Solomon helped draft stressed the "tripartite" relationship between Jews, Moslems and Christians, and singled out the Jewish-Christian relationship as "central" to Christian self-understanding.

Solomon is also pleased with a proposed passage that describes the "common mission" of Jews, Christians and Moslems to ensure that "God's name be honored."

The paper also is highlighted by passages acknowledging that Christian "teaching of contempt" helped foment anti-semitism and allowed the Holocaust to take place with little Christian protest; recognizing Judaism as a living and developing religion and civilization; and Israel's religious importance to most Jews, affirming that Jewish self-definition consists of peoplehood, civilization and religion.

The conference also unanimously endorsed a resolution unequivocally supporting Israel's right to exist within secure borders, as well as the right of Palestinians to establish an independent state.

Solomon's activities remain in keeping with his ecumenical spirit. In April, he delivered a talk on Jewish responses to the Holocaust at the Polish Bishop's Conference in Cracow, Poland. In July, he also spoke at the major international Holocaust conference at Oxford and is now taking part in a series of conferences coordinated with the ICCJ and the Council of Christians and Jews, the ICCJ's British branch.

Solomon is also editor of Christian-Jewish Relations, a quarterly British journal published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs.

These endeavors fall in line with Solomon's conviction that a degree of "public relations" is a necessary and desirable aspect of ecumenical work.

He disagrees heartily with Jews he has met who express no desire to relate to other religions or to engage in dialogue.

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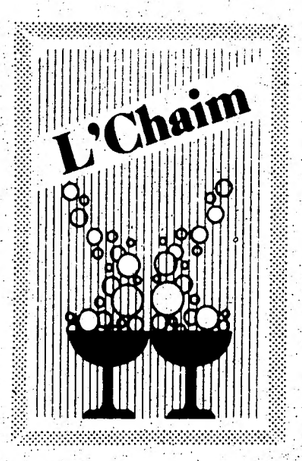

By DAVID BIRKAN

Peach, chestnut, and date liqueurs are among kosher products newly available with which to toast the sweetness of the New Year. A kosher cognac will provide for a particularly sensuous l'chaim.

Carol Slatt of Lorac Wine and Food (485-2516) announces the availability, for synagogues or through private order, of Carmel's Amadeus Peach liqueur (24% alcohol by volume). Cost is $18 a bottle.

Also new are Carmel's Emerald Reisling premier cru, a dryish white wine, $9.50, and Carmel's Cabernet Sauvignon special reserve 1981, a dry red, at $16.50.

Lorac spokesman Della Kyle reported that last year's best sellers at this time, besides the kiddush wines, were Carmel French Colombard and Sauvignon Blanc, both at the LCBO at $7.10 a bottle.

A kosher cognac is also on the board shelves now, stepping into the general limelight after a couple of years on Lorac's synagogue/private listings. France's R&B Lanxner (40% alcohol, $41.40 per bottle), which this reviewer tried, is something special.

The cognac has a light delicate color and taste, with none of the bite associated with brandies. It slips through the lips and throat as smoothly as silk. Despite its lightness, it makes its way to the knees quickly enough.

Mixes, water, or even ice would detract from its silkiness and punch.

Cognac is brandy made by a special process from grapes grown in a restricted area of France. It has, according to wine expert and author Hugh Johnson, "an uncanny fresh grape sweetness, as though the soul of the vine has been etherealized and condensed. It makes you think not just of wine but of great wine — it has the same complexity, raciness and excitement."

Kosher cognac may be regarded as the creme de la creme de la creme of liquors.

By the way, a synagogue source told this reporter that on institutional orders last year, Lanxner was $26 a bottle. That makes the LCBO markup about $15.

Mazel Wines (631-8071) reports the LCBO debut of Bartenura Kastania (26%, $31.35), a chestnut-based liqueur from Italy in a chestnut shaped bottle.

"It's an exquisite liqueur, a connoisseur's product," said a Mazel spokesman.

Jim Graff of Toronto's McGuinness Distillery (252-5592), the only producer of liquor and liqueurs in Canada under kashruth supervision, reports that McGuinness Peach Shnapps has been a best seller this time last year and now. Also selling well is the almond-flavored Amaretto. Each is 17% alcohol and $16.35 a bottle.

The LCBO is offering Gan Eden Chardonnay 1986 on special now, Nachum Grafstein of Grafstein Wines (785-9711) told the CJN. "Sale price is $10.75 a bottle, which is exactly what it's going for in the States," he said. Regular LCBO list price is $15.70 for the California dry white that sports as many ribbons and medals as a field marshal.

Grafstein also announces a new import from Israel, a date liqueur. At 16% alcohol, it is expected to reach the LCBO shelves at about $16 a bottle.

"It's a natural for Rosh Hashanah and the Yom Tovim," he said. "Dates have been associated with the Holy Land since the earliest biblical times."

Grafstein products lining up for LCBO approval include: Muscat Alexandroni, a sweet white wine with a fresh, fruity taste; a sauvignon blanc that Nachum's wife and partner Rachel describes as "soft and apple-like in flavor;" and an Emerald Reisling, "floral, spicy, and dry." All are from Israel.

Going well at this time of year, reports Grafstein, are the Israeli Eliaz Slivowitz (plum liquor, 50% alcohol, $21.45), Arak (aniseed-flavored, 42%, $16.55), Creme de Moka ($15.85), Apricot Liqueur (30%, $15.85), and Vodka Polansky (40%, $18.10).

Grafstein also has a kosher cognac, Montaigne, for synagogues and private orders.

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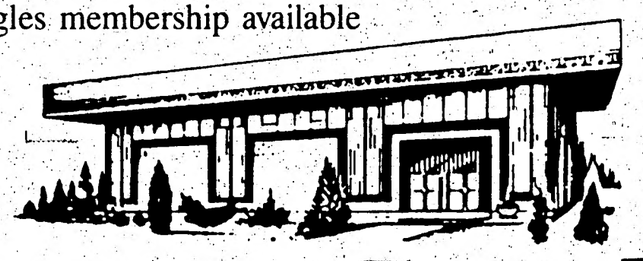

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Fashion

Lack of foresight in planning Israel Fashion Week

By
GREER FAY CASHMAN

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

This story repeats itself twice a year.

For whatever reason, the gala show which provides the showcase for Israel Fashion Week and the fashion industry as a whole turns into some kind of fiasco. Usually, it's for lack of space. In former years, those who were lucky enough to secure a ticket, were packed like sardines into the ballroom or open courtyard of the hotel where the event was being held.

This time around, the organizers chose the Wohl Amphitheatre in Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park. Everyone who was anyone turned up and whoever was responsible for the distribution of tickets obviously miscalculated and made more tickets available than the actual number of seats.

The upshot was that Israelis, used to pushing and elbowing, plonked themselves down in the front rows, leaving foreign buyers to struggle for some place where they could get a half-decent view of what was being paraded on the stage.

Organizers threatened that unless the Israelis sitting in the front relinguished their seats to the buyers who, after all, were there to do business, there would be no show. Eventually, after continued cajoling, some Israelis made room for a group of buyers.

Fashion shows never ever start on time. This one was only three-quarters of an hour late, which by international standards made it early. But there was more frustration in store.

A short circuit less than half way through the show plunged the whole area into darkness. The lights went out and the music stopped abruptly. The electricity was restored in 10 minutes, but the atmosphere was no longer charged with excitement. People grumbled about the lack of a generator; and after the show was over, there was more grumbling about the poor organization.

The seating problem is bound to crop up again next February. Perhaps by then someone will devise a method of keeping blocks exclusively for foreign buyers, perhaps by posting stewards around the seats.

A modest cocktail party could then be held for the buyers in some adjacent lobby or roped-off area to ensure that they would all arrive together to take their seats for the show. But this may be too simple a solution for a country which thrives on confusion.

Israeli fashion designers remain innovative in their use of fabrics, styles and patterns. (IPPA photo)

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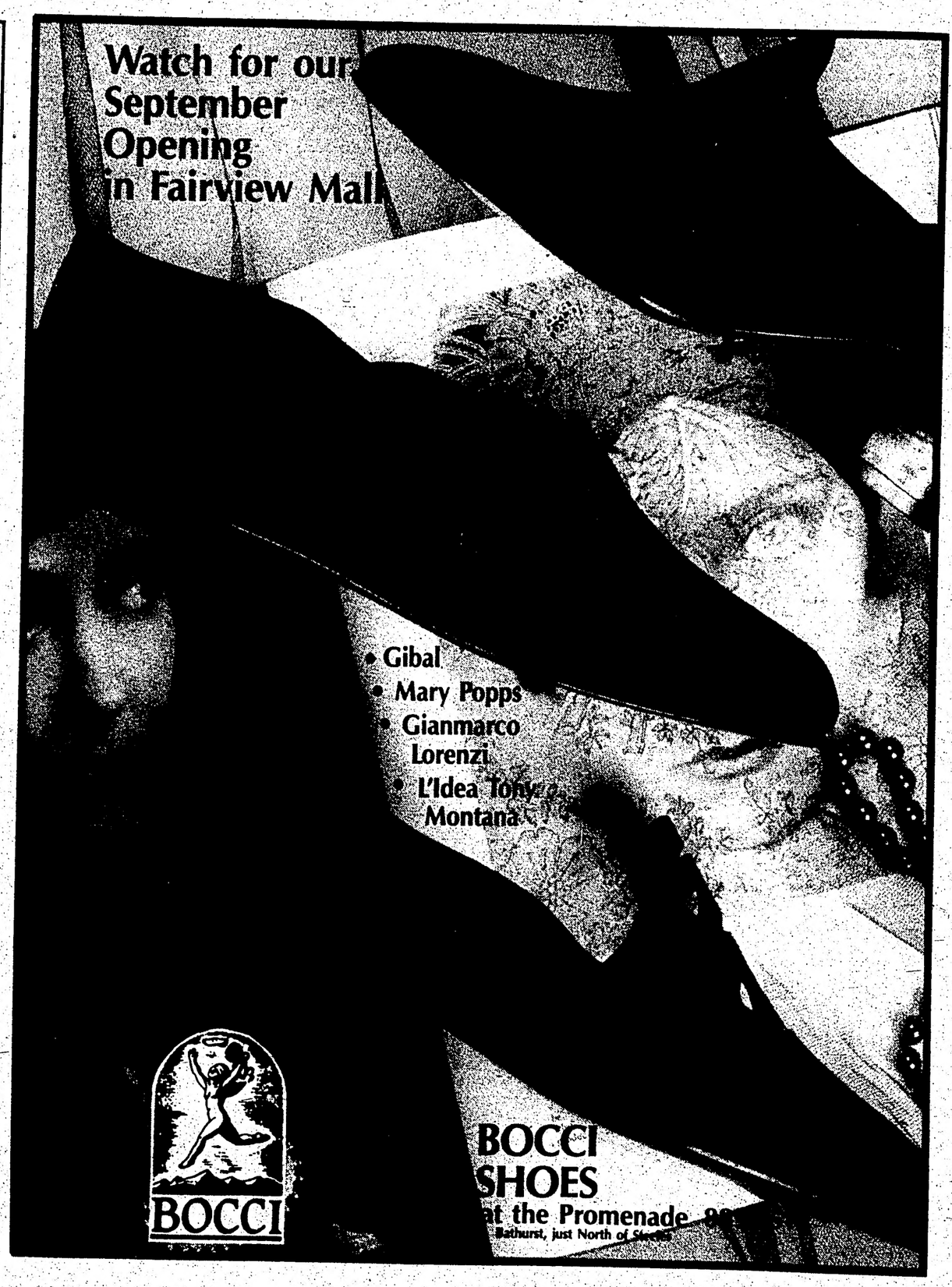

Kibbutz's device shaves worldwide razor market

By VIVIEN SHARON

Kibbutz Hagoshrim in Northern Israel has produced a revolutionary new beauty product.

This hand-held electrical device removes unwanted leg hair while eliminating the cuts and nicks of shaving, the messiness of creams and the cost of waxing.

Epilady, which is manufactured by Mepro, an electrical company that belongs to the kibbutz, has gained worldwide attention for its advanced technology in hair removal, and is taking the beauty care market by storm, with $150 million in sales in 60 countries around the world.

Epilady comes in a handsome travel pouch and consists of a patented system of coils that removes the hair at the root level. This device removes hair for an average of three weeks and, with each use, it takes longer for the hair to grow in.

Oded Nechushtan, 31, a resident of the kibbutz and international sales manager for Mepro, who was in Toronto recently for the Canadian launch of the product in 87 Simpsons and The Bay stores across the country, was beaming as he described the success of the Israeli invention.

"Epilady is a once-in-lifetime product," said Nechushtan, who was born on the kibbutz and joined the factory eight years ago.

The product was invented by Yair Dar and Shimon Yahav, both engineers in their 40s, who live near the kibbutz. It took them 12 years to refine and patent the product, Nechushtan said.

Mepro has put in production lines at Kibbutz Hagoshrim and packaging systems at Hatzor Haglilit and Kafar Szold. In order to facilitate worldwide distribution, an Epilady production line was established in Hong Kong. Additional production is being established in Brazil with other locations being considered in Argentina, Spain or India.

"It's a matter of keeping up with the demand."

Dar and Yahav have recently invented a new women's cosmetic facial, EpiSauna, which should be available in Canada next year.

The team is currently working on new inventions in Israel.

"We plan to introduce a new cosmetic product every year.

"Since Epilady was launched in Israel two years ago (and then internationally), it has made the kibbutz wealthy. Over 200,000 units have been sold in Israel alone."

The figures are, in fact, remarkable.

In Israel, 24% of households have purchased Epilady, which is available in department stores and pharmacies throughout the country. The product retails for 100 shekels in Israel. In Canada it sells for $99.95, and in the U.S. (and worldwide), $70 (U.S.).

In Europe, sales are high as well. In Italy alone, sales exceed 200,000 units per month, Nechushtan reported. In Spain and France, 500,000 units were sold in each market during the first eight months.

"This thing is going to explode," says Stephen Ross, chief financial officer of Epilady U.S.A. Inc., who was in Toronto recently.

"When the product was officially launched in Bloomingdale's one year ago, 15,000 units were sold per week. We never anticipated this immense reaction," said Ross, who reported that Epilady now is available in 2,000 department-store cosmetic counters across the U.S.

There is a growing need and demand for marketing rights for Epilady, Nechushtan says. Mepro recently concluded an international agreement granting exclusive rights to a company in Japan. Contracts with Eastern bloc countries are being negotiated with the aim of developing production, manufacturing and distribution facilities in those regions.

At the Canadian launch recently, Berl Bessin, president of Epilady Canada Inc., voiced confidence the product will do extremely well here.

Bessin, an importer of housewares and giftware items, is concentrating his efforts on marketing Epilady above all else.

"This product is our major item of interest and concern. It has the greatest potential of any item that has been imported into Canada in terms of its uniqueness and, most importantly, because it is an Israeli invention," added Bessin, who speaks Hebrew fluently and once studied at a yeshiva in Israel.

Epilady is a new way to remove hair.

Marks leaves Cook to open a sales agency

By BRUCE PARKINSON

Allan Marks, a well-known and respected figure in the men's wear industry, has begun the fulfilment of a lifelong dream by opening his own sales agency.

Marks, for the past eight years the director of sales for Warren K. Cook Ltd., decided to "make a move now before it's too late.

"It's easy to become comfortable in an area, and in a segment of the market. The most intimidating thing was the first Friday without a paycheque."

Happily for Marks, his first commission cheque arrived on a Friday, and he has "not looked back since.

"My family knows it's not going to be instant success, but I really feel I made the right decision."

Interviewed at the recent Manstyle show, Marks said he is grateful for "the moral support from everyone in the industry — retailers, manufacturers and other sales agents. There's no jealousy at all, just lots of encouragement."

A self-confessed "Italophile" who spent many years living in Italy, Marks is representing both Italian and other European manufacturers as well as a couple of North American lines.

The Allan Marks Sales Agency currently represents Red Point sportswear from West Germany, Douglas Belts and Rocky International leatherwear from France, Viva men's hosiery from Italy, Dell Park's U.S.-made boxer shorts and neckwear by the Canadian firm Braemor.

"I have been offered many outstanding lines. If I took all the ones I know I could sell, I wouldn't be able to do justice to them."

Manstyle was a positive start to a new phase of Marks' career.

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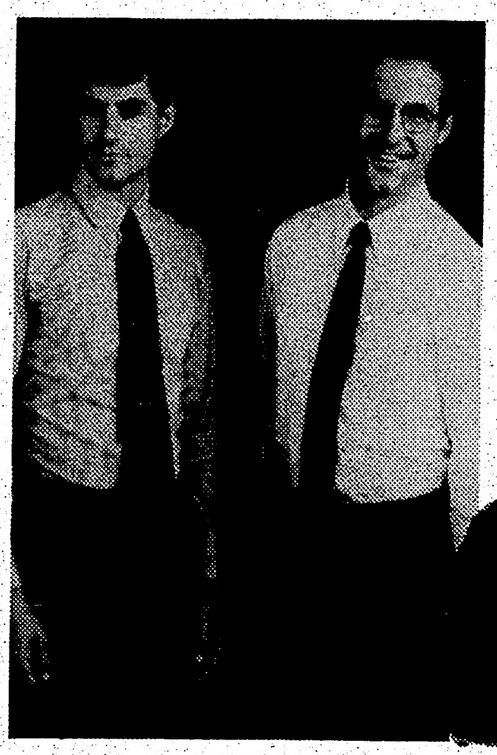

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Fashion

Image crucial to Italian clothing giant's success

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

"Benetton is alive and well in Toronto," announced Sally Fischer, the firm's North American director of public relations, though no one had actually questioned that fact.

A better question might be, "Where isn't Benetton alive and well?"

The Italian clothing giant, which has mushroomed from its origins with Giulianna Benetton handknitting sweaters in 1965 to its current status as the world's largest buyer of virgin wool, continues to grow at a Brobdingnagian pace.

At last count — though a few days have passed since then — there were more than 4,500 Benetton outlets in 63 countries worldwide — with an average of at least one store opening per day for the past three years.

In North America, 800 stores have opened in just five years. Last year, the firm sold more than 40 million garments and sales topped $1 billion.

With figures like this, comparisons are inevitably made to McDonalds, the golden giant of the fast-food industry. While some would connote that in a negative way, it's probably not that far from the truth, especially in the areas of image packaging, automated production and a unified, reliable, worldwide look.

The Benetton concept could be called "fast-fashion."

The company philosophy, Fischer said, is to "provide something for everyone, of any age, at reasonable prices." With sales figures like those listed above, it is getting close to fulfilling its mandate.

The company doesn't claim to be a fashion trendsetter. However, it is a master of image, as proven by the brilliant advertising campaigns featuring distinctive looking models of all racial hues existing together in harmony.

The clothing, like the models, crosses ethnocultural lines, taking inspiration from a variety of sources and time periods. Benetton succeeds, where so many others try and fail, in selling comfortable conformity under the guise of individuality.

It is also a master of reading and adapting to changing fashion trends. The company synthesizes and homogenizes ideas to develop its image of the "universal teenager" and what will appeal to that creature.

And there's no denying that the company does it very, very well.

A preview of Benetton's fall and winter selections was given recently at the Italian Trade Commission.

Not content to stage a run-of-the-mill fashion show, the presentation was set up as a mock photo-shoot, complete with photographer, hair and makeup artists, and some of the freshest, most individually distinct-

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Models wear garments from Benetton's denim collection. The layered look — here, teaming sweaters with the denim — is important this fall. (Rough Layout photo)

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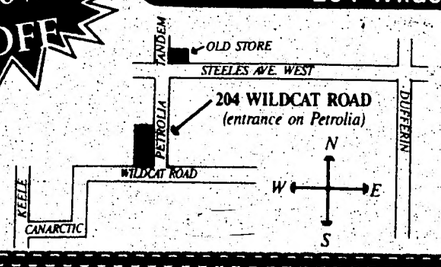

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Novel show flaunts firm's unique approach to clothes

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looking models in the city.

The fast-paced show that followed, with shouted posing directions from the shutterbug, last-minute hair and clothing adjustments, unpredictable child models and lots of bright, fun clothing, was a refreshing change from the majority of high-serious fashion events.

The show featured elements from all three Benetton divisions. As well as the main Benetton division there is a children's line called 012.

In most Canadian Benetton stores there is an 012 section, although there are now 2 free-standing 012 stores in Canada.

The other division is Sisley, a more upscale, fashion-oriented concept aimed at a slightly older group than the Benetton stores, though age distinctions have tended to blur as people of all ages have been drawn to the Benetton look.

With somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,000 styles per season, the company attempts to attract a wide variety of preference. Every store buys separately, choosing designs suited to their local climate, culture and tastes.

Five main colors make up the bulk of the fall/winter collection: red, mauve, kelly green, yellow and black.

The colors are displayed mixed more than matched, and the layered looks, with combinations of skirts, shirts, sweaters, leg warmers, socks, gloves and scarves result in a vibrant splash of hues to taunt away the winter grays.

There are denim collections, tweedy Scottish-inspired woolens, 40s-look skirts with many-buttoned blazers, plaid shirts and bomber jackets, checked suits and argyle sweaters for men, and accessories galore.

The 012 fall/winter line appeals to the emerging tastes of children. Raised patterns, primary colors and fun details and accessories will ensure its success.

Many wonder how long Benetton can continue to grow at such a prodigious pace — especially in such a volatile field as fashion. One thing is clear right now — the company has its finger pressed firmly on the pulse of millions of young fashion consumers the world over.

Colorful scarves and gloves are finishing touches to any outfit. (Rough Layout photo)

Date set for children's show

Children's clothing, furniture, toys and accessories will be the focus of attention at a show for buyers and retailers.

The Juvenile Products & Clothing Show, the annual national trade exhibition for this market, will be held Sept. 25-26 at the brand-new Canadian Exposition and Conference Centre at 272 Attwell Drive near Pearson International Airport.

Organizers are confident this year's show will be a success, as more than 80% of show space has been booked and pre-registration numbers are up from the last show.

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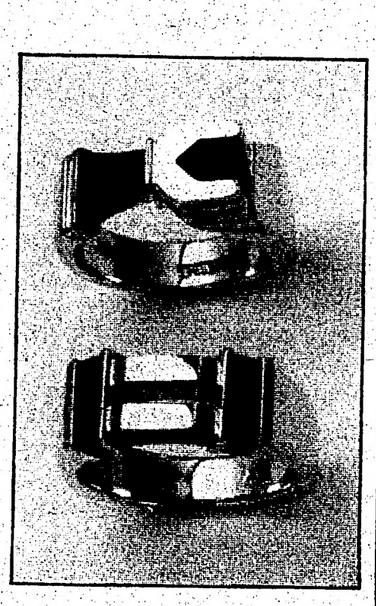

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Arts

Yannai pulls viewer into picture

Jewish heritage inspires artist

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The 37-year-old Minneapolis resident, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, draws from his heritage for his own arresting interpretations.

The artist, who uses the name Yannai professionally, began studying with his father and originally concentrated on portraits, but as he became more absorbed in his Judaic legacy, he turned to the spiritual. Now his works encompass a whole spectrum of religious thought and history.

He hits first with intense color, but achieves a magnetism through use of perspective — beams of light, converging lines — to pull the viewer into the picture. Then the subjects surface.

There are biblical scenes, from Ecclesiastes to Ruth to David to the Second Temple. Particularly commanding is his portrayal of Daniel in the lions' den. There is an eerie suspension in time, but hypnotic rays and cubist clouds elicit a feeling of heavenly intervention.

And he uses straight symbolism, as in the painting of a shofar superimposed on a Magan David — the quintessential Jewish expression.

Yannai is an unabashed trickster, employing overlapping transparencies to create his special effects. He describes himself as a "kinetic-neo-realist," combining motion with a new realism. But the motion is oddly poised. The pictures appear to move and stand still at the same time.

It's a little like east coast artist Alex Colville's balance, except that Colville paints for himself and Yannai is painting a record for the Jewish people. Each is doing what he knows best.

Yannai's designs adapt well to stained glass and several of his larger paintings are suitable as permanent acquisitions for synagogues. Prices generally range from $3,000 to $20,000 for original works and $95 to $180 for art prints.

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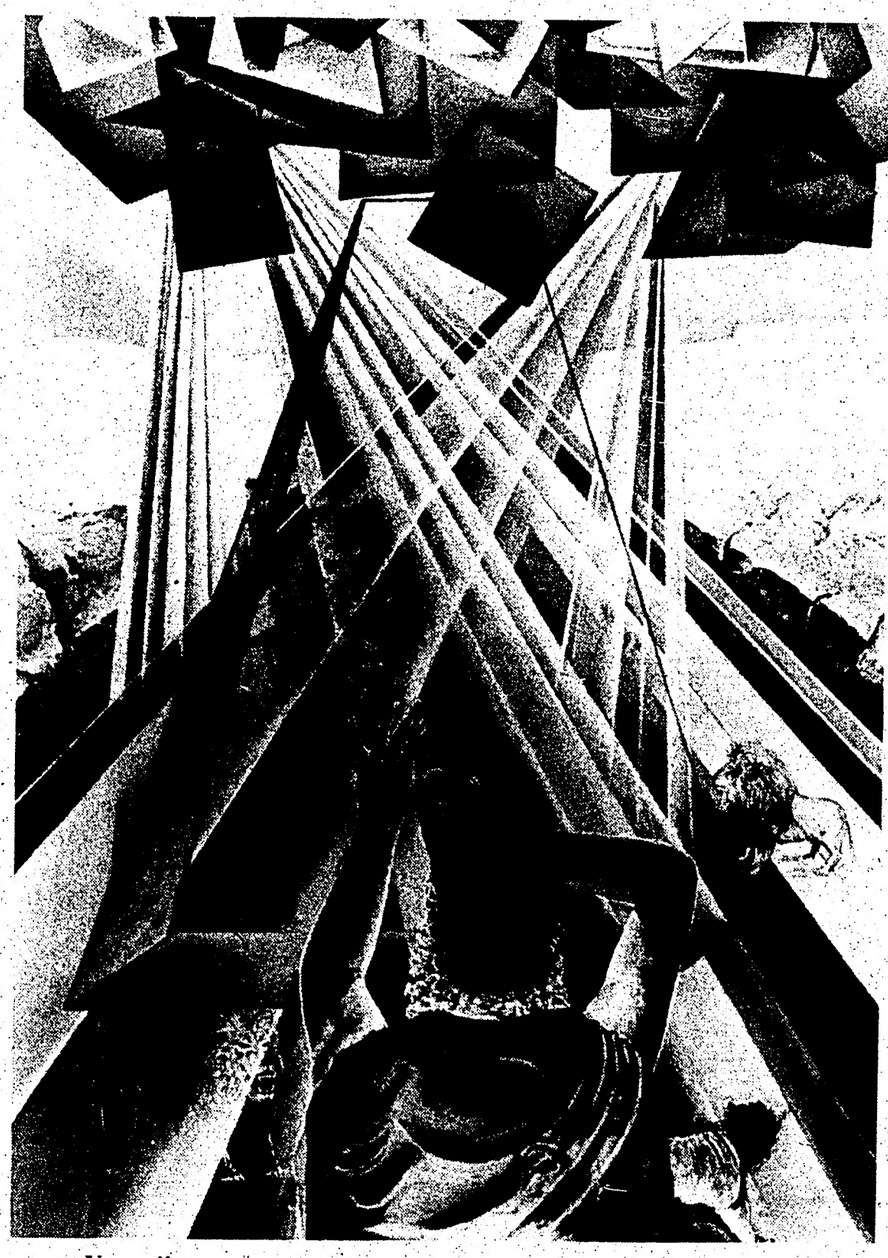

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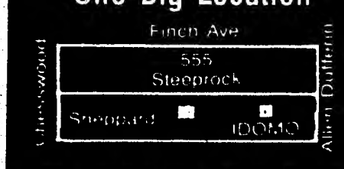

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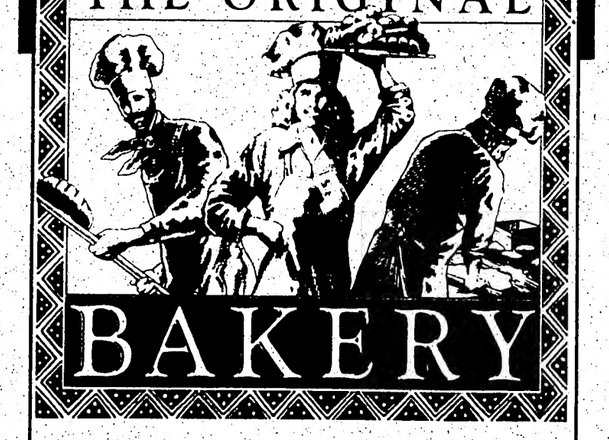

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

Tevye the Dairyman & The Railroad Stories, by Sholom Aleichem. SchockenBooks,$19.95 U.S.

Who was Sholom Rabinovitch (1859-1916)? He was, of course, the beloved Yiddish writer who called himself Sholom Aliechem. His work inspired the Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Its success made him even more famous after death than during his lifetime.

But he never lacked for affection and homage. For the masses of Eastern European Jewry, the world of our grandfathers, he was a true folk hero, a magical literary craftsman who expressed their desires, dreams, worries, interests, frustrations and hopes.

They responded with laughter and tears to his creation of Jewish archetypes such as Tevye, the humble milkman — a blend of individualist and traditionalist; Menachem Mendel, the eternally optimistic speculator; and Mottel, the cantor's son, who couldn't and wouldn't adjust to an adult society and who disrupted accepted conventions and norms as he turned every situation topsy-turvy.

It is reported that when Sholom Aleichem died 150,000 mourners followed his bier. Sixty or so years later his health-giving, many-sided humor — contained in 28 volumes — still entertains and enlightens a dwindling number of Yiddish writers.

Tevya is Sholom Aleichem's symbol of the average Jew of his time, an unwilling resident of the townlets and villages of the Russian Pale of Settlement. He is the honest, pious, impractical head of a large family. A would-be theologian, he is constantly misquoting from the Bible. This allows him to display a body of knowledge, albeit limited, "And thereby transcend his lowly economic and social station."

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The Tevye stories, all in the form of the monologue, were written between 1894 and 1914 and are the best known and most popular of all Sholem Aleichem's work.

The relatively little known *Railroad Stories* were written between 1902 and 1914. They are a potpourri of anecdotes, tall-tales, reminiscences — the kind of talk travellers engage in to while away tedious hours on a 3rd class carriage. The 21 stories do not show the author at his best but are engaging and entertaining and bring to life a long-forgotten era with its peculiar charm and special concerns.

In his will Sholom Aleichem requested that he be laid to rest among the poor and simple people whom he loved and who loved him in return. He instructed his children to commemorate his yahrzeit by reading his humorous stories: "Perhaps you will be better able to love our people and to appreciate their spiritual treasures."

Sholom Aleichem was European Jewry's most representative writer. "He spoke to all the people, rich and poor, educated and semi-literate, religious and assimilated and recreated a complete civilization." Tragically, a generation or so after his death this world was transformed into smoke and ashes.

This book is the first in a new Library of Yiddish Classics. The translation by Hillel Halkin from the often elusive and subtle Yiddish is superb. For the Hebrew quotations, Halkin provides transliterations. Translations are provided in a glossary at the end of the book.

It is good to have this new splendid translation. For those who cannot enjoy the original Yiddish this volume is almost an aceptable substitute.

Magnum Opus describes sages lives

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Gershom Bader's *The Encyclopedia of Talmudic Sages* (Jason Aronson, U.S.$50) is a unique book appropriate for every home, classroom or library where Jewish studies are taken seriously. Its 850 pages provide concise readable biographies of 91 scholars and groups of scholars who compiled the Mishnah and the Jerusalem and Babylonian Talmuds.

Devotees of Pirkei Avot, for example, the Mishnah ethics tract traditionally studied throughout the summer, will find much to supplement their knowledge of its mentioned sages and their times. This reviewer found interesting:

- The fact that kiddush, havdalah, and the requirement to drink four cups of wine on the Passover seder were instituted under the high priestship of Simon the Just.
- That Shemaya and Abtalyon united the Sanhedrin (supreme court) in opposing the dictatorship of Herod the Great.
- That Hillel, whose numerous halachic decisions are widely described in the Talmud, originally came to Eretz Israel from Babylon to clarify three religious questions. These were: whether a priest's declaration was necessary in the purification process; whether the paschal sacrifice was to be made from sheep and cattle or from sheep and goats; and whether matzohs should be eaten for six days or for seven.
- Turmoil in the years under the presidency of Simon ben Gamaliel, preceding the destruction of the Second Temple, included: bands of robbers and thugs called Sicarii (named after their small concealed daggers) attacking in both countryside and city; increasingly frequent confrontations between insensitive and rapacious Roman guards and administrators and outraged Jews; and the intensifying feud between Jews and Samaritans.

Bader's accounts are well written, and spiced with anecdotes and aphorisms. Sources are indicated in a lavish but unobtrusive sprinkling of footnotes, which are explained in a section at the back of the book. An extensive 22-page index — a hearty yasher koach to Jason Aranson — provides wide access to the book's contents.

This is the only extensive single-volume work on the sages of the period that this reviewer has come across. It is useful as an aid at hand to distinguish the numerous personalities, who often have the same or similar names, encountered in reading the Mishnah and Talmud.

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Arts

Documentary to profile Jewish women role models

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Queen Esther, the Bible tells us, was given "half the kingdom" by the king. Canadian filmmaker Francine Zuckerman believes today's Jewish women are not receiving such a fair shake.

Zuckerman is the executive producer and co-director of *Half the Kingdom*, a documentary that will profile 10 Jewish women whom she thinks serve as role models because of the different ways they have sought to find a more equitable place for women in Judaism.

The women are all feminists and committed Jews. They live in Canada, the United States and Israel, come from varying walks of life and backgrounds, and range in age from their 30s to 60s.

"Each of the 10 women is making her own unique journey toward the reclamation of 'half the kingdom' by returning to the very texts which excluded her intellectual participation, by looking inward for spiritual reaffirmation or by seeking answers outside the tradition," Zuckerman said.

Zuckerman, a native Montrealer who lived in Ottawa for several years before returning to her hometown recently, has completed the shooting of the Canadian segment of *Half the Kingdom*, and will continue filming in Israel and the United States this fall.

She expects the 1-hour film will be finished by next spring in time for delivery to TV Ontario, which has bought it.

A 15-minute preview of Half the Kingdom offers a glimpse of the film's message. One of the subjects, Reform Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, who formerly served congregations in Toronto and Winnipeg and is now in Boston, relates how people persuaded her not to seek the title of rabbi, just get the education and do something else.

"Can you imagine telling someone after they have completed five years of medical school not to take the title of doctor and practice?" she asks. Goldstein says in taking the title of rabbi she took what women had for centuries been denied, even though they performed the functions of a rabbi.

The film includes a scene of Goldstein conducting a special naming ceremony for a baby girl, which includes prayers and blessings recalling the heritage of the Jewish matriarchs.

The need to create such a ceremony points out the absence in Judaism of rites for women's life cycle events, she says.

Another woman profiled, Norma Joseph of Montreal, recalls how she could not persuade her husband Rabbi Howard Joseph to abandon his daily prayer thanking God he was not a woman. The rabbi, leader of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, is known to be quite liberal in his views among the Orthodox rabbinate. As his wife relates, he insisted he was not sexist and meant to disrespect to her by saying the prayer.

Mrs. Joseph, a lecturer in Jewish studies, says the next generation accomplished what she could not. One day, their daughter came home from grade 3 announcing she had learned a dreadful prayer. She was shocked when she learned her husband recited the prayer too.

His daughter's consternation soon changed his mind.

While Goldstein and Joseph see the possibility of more equality for women within Judaism as they understand it, another woman in the preview, Naomi Goldenberg, thinks "Judaism would have to change so much, I wonder whether it would be the same thing." Goldenberg teaches in the religious studies department of the University of Ottawa.

The women make their cases with calm reason and the tone of the clip, at least, is soothing. Zuckerman's heroines are not the stereotypical hardened feminists men fear.

Among the other women Zuckerman plans to include in the film are Alice Shalvi, head of the Israel Women's Network and principal of an experimental religious girls' school; Toronto journalist Michelle Landsberg (wife of former United Nations Ambassador Stephen Lewis); Esther Broner of New York, who has written a book of new rituals for women; and Jane Litman of Los Angeles, a Reconstructionist rabbi who thinks of God in female terms.

Zuckerman, who heads her own Kol Ishah (voice of women) Productions, has been working on the film for five years. At 29, she's starting to call it her life's work. Half the Kingdom has received funding from the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, the Canada Council, the National Film Board of Canada, the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and private contributors.

Half the Kingdom has a "council of advisers" in Montreal, a group of prominent women headed by Miriam Roland, which has assisted with fund raising.

Zuckerman's co-director is Roushell Goldstein, who worked on the television movie *Raoul Wallenberg: Buried Alive* and the CBC series De Grassi Junior High. The writer is Elaine Goldstein, a past president of the Women's Federation of Allied Jewish Community Services.

Lack of money has been the main reason for the delay, Zuckerman says, not the lack of suitable women to highlight. "We are now in final negotiations with the NFB's Studio D (the 'women's studio') which should cover a substantial chunk of the budget," said Zuckerman.

Zuckerman studied film at McGill University and has worked in radio and video production. In 1983, she organized a conference on Women in Judaism in Ottawa; Goldstein, Goldenberg and Joseph were among the participants.

Zuckerman describes herself as "not religious but spiritual. I don't consider myself a practicing Jew in the traditional sense. I differentiate between spirituality and traditional religious Judaism."

Her father's family had been ultra-Orthodox in Poland, but he rejected much of that way of life and Zuckerman's upbringing was not especially observant.

"This is a film for girls and young women who need role models in Judaism. It shows there are a lot of possibilities for them," Zuckerman said.

Although she expects Orthodox rabbis will be critical of Half the Kingdom, Zuckerman said her goal is not vengeance. "The film says let's celebrate what we can share."

Norma Joseph (left) and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein appear in Half the Kingdom, a documentary film being produced by Francine Zuckerman.

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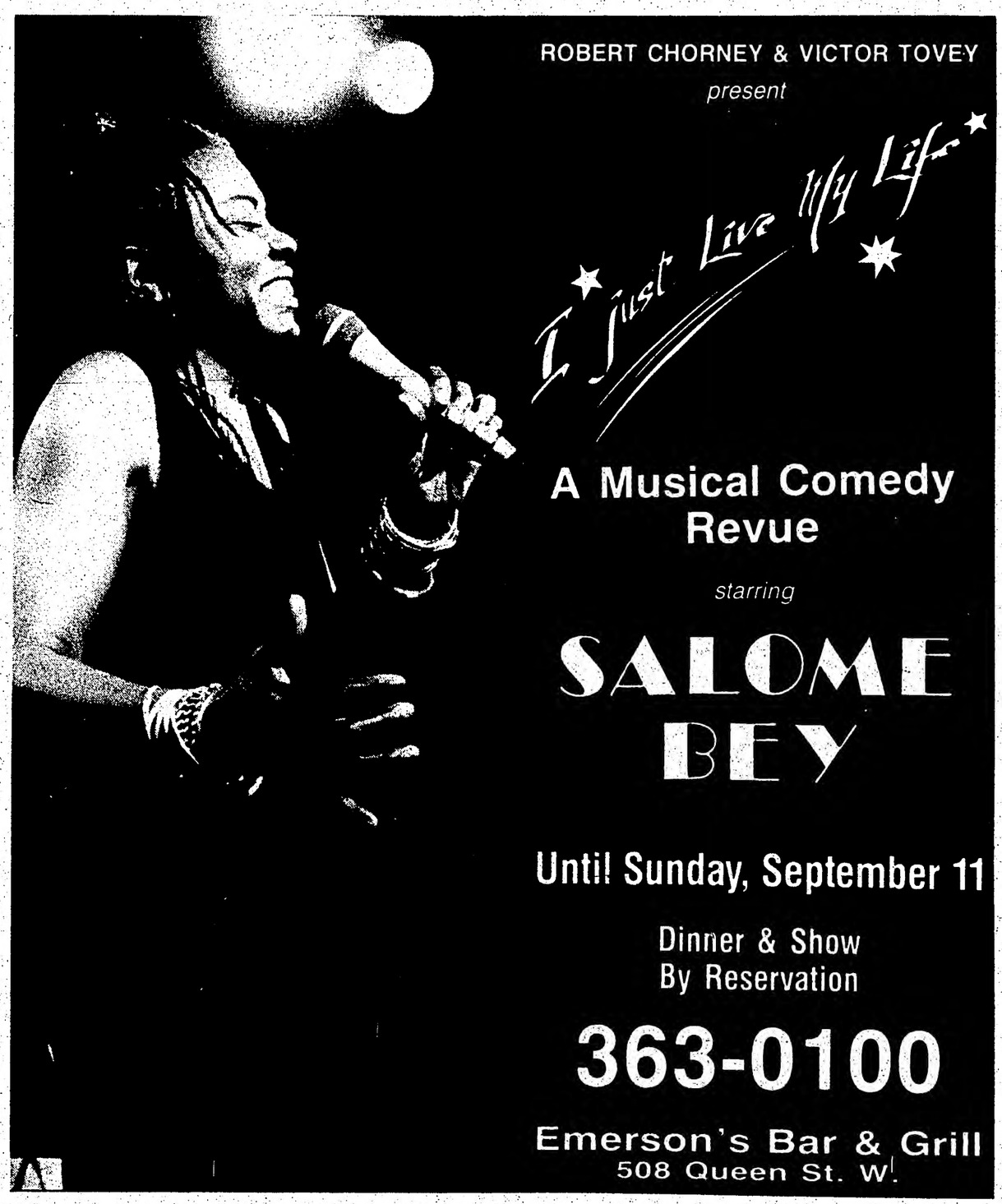


Movie fails to arouse sympathy

Stealing Home simply strikes out

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Some films just don't catch fire, and *Stealing Home* is a prime example.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Stealing Home* comes with a promising, albeit unusual, story line and a respectable enough cast of characters.

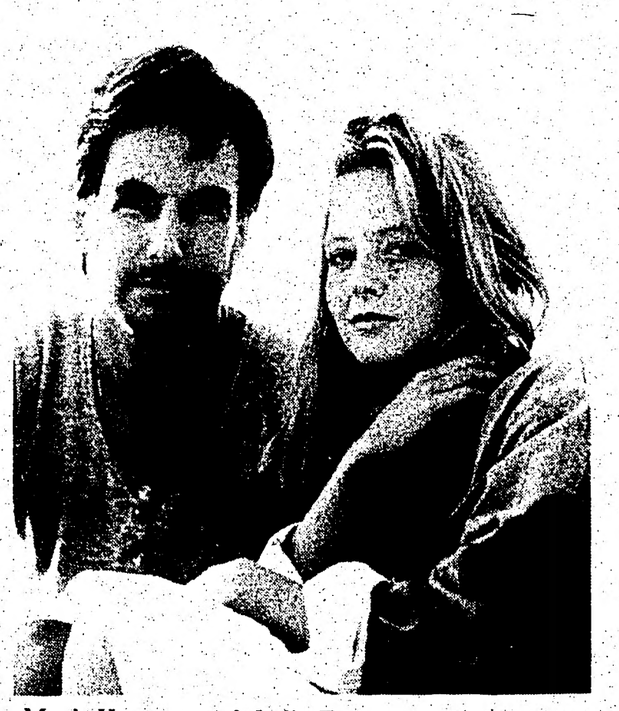
Despite all these advantages, there is something terribly wooden and stilted and remote about it.

Billy Wyatt (Mark Harmon), a washed-up former ballplayer whose life is going nowhere, gets a phone call from his mother (Blair Brown) informing him that Katie (Jodie Foster), his friend, has committed suicide.

Taking the first night bus, Billy, looking pretty grimy, arrives home the next morning, only to discover that he has been made responsible for disposing of Katie's ashes.

In trying to deal with this problem, Billy's mind ranges back to the late 1950s and mid-1960s.

The film consists in large part of a series of sentimental flashbacks which unfold against the backdrop of candy-coated teeny-bopper songs of yore and of warm, sunny, nostalgic summers, when life seemed far less complicated and certainly much more promising than it would be in adulthood.



Mark Harmon and Jodie Foster star in Stealing Home.

In attempting to recreate that yesteryear mood, of which *American Graffiti* and *My American Cousin* still serve as paragons, co-directors Steven Kampmann and Will Aldis pull out practically all the stops.

Falling back on hackneyed scenes which evoke the stirrings of young love, the shock of a sudden death in the family and the titillating conquest of an older woman by a horny teenager, *Stealing Home* is chockfull of bittersweet memories.

Harmon, who plays the older Billy, moves through this picture in dream-like fashion, a somnolent, solitary figure whose ruminations signify nothing or very little.

As Billy's teenage friend, Jonathan Silverman (last seen in a screen adaptation of a Neil Simon play) is less than riveting, an embarrassingly cliched character who mouths well-worn lines.

Foster, forceful, intelligent and attractive, stands head and shoulders above them all, the glue that binds everything together. But even she is restricted by the narrow, suffocating scope of the script.

Ultimately, the trouble with *Stealing Home* is its unequivocable failure to involve viewers in the proceedings, to genuinely interest them in the lives of its protagonists. There is something standoffish about it, something that says 'we shouldn't even care.

As such, I simply could not identify, nor sympathize, with any of the characters in this aimless, feckless paean to youth.

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Film throws light on Poland Jewry

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Watch out for reruns of episode 3 of *Struggles for Poland*, recently broadcast on channel 17 in the Toronto area. It contains the best documentary footage on Jewish life in inter-war Poland that this reviewer has seen.

The 9-part series, sponsored in part by the Polish American Congress, continues to the end of August.

Episode 3's footage, largely film collated from Jewish and non-Jewish sources, showed:

- Jews and peasants dealing in the market places.
- Streets of Warsaw, with shop signs displaying bold Hebrew lettering, teeming with people.
- Elderly Jews in caftans and long beards, debating outside a synagogue.
- Students in a yeshiva.
- A news stand with about half-a-dozen different Yiddish papers. (This reviewer recalls reading that there were over 30 Jewish dailies, weeklies, and monthlies, in Yiddish and Hebrew, printed in Warsaw.)
- A Bundist summer camp.
- Scenes from the Yiddish theatre.
- Teenagers singing enthusiastically in Yiddish about the Socialist utopia expected around the corner.
- Jews among the mourners at the funeral of Marshal Josef Pilsudski, who was replaced by a leadership more accommodating to anti-semitism.

Episode 3 seemed forthright in its subject, the 3½ million Jews of Poland between World Wars I and II. Narrator Roger Mudd pointed out that Jews had been living in Poland for 1,000 years. Their contributions to the country's economy, to the textile and other industries, and to its arts and professions were mentioned. Read aloud, first in English and then Polish, was avant-garde verse by the country's leading poet of the inter-war years, Julian Tuvim.

The issue of anti-semitism was not shirked.

"I was not afraid of the Germans," said one blonde-haired survivor, of her 2½ years of passing as a Gentile during the Holocaust. "I was afraid of the Poles, who would turn me in."

"Blackmail and denunciation threatened Jews outside the ghetto," stated Mudd. Interviewees detailed some examples.

Yaffa Eliach, author of *Hassidic Tales of the Holocaust*, described how she and the rest of her family were saved by their neighbor.

One day, relates Eliach, the farmer donned his festive clothes and put bells on his finest horse in preparation for a trip to town. There was no holiday at the time. A child, she asked him why. "They are preparing to hang a few Jews they caught. The people are gathering in the square to watch, and I must come, too.

"You see, 2,000 years ago your people gathered to watch when they killed Christ . . . and now we gather to watch as you are killed."

Mudd said that some 200,000 Jews returned after the Holocaust, most soon to be driven out of the country by anti-semitism.

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One of the works of Dulcie Foo Fat in the Dance With Minutiae exhibit at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg.

Compiled by Miriam Chinsky

TORONTO —

Art Gallery of Ontario: *The Dada Period in Cologne: Selections from the Fick-Eggert Collection,* features watercolors, drawings and related material from a private collection hidden during the rise of Nazism and neglected until recently. Angie Littlefield, guest curator for the exhibition discovered the works in the Cologne garden shed of her uncle Willy Fick. Sept. 10-Nov. 6. Combined Picasso exhibition, *Je suis le cahier: The Sketchbooks of Picasso,* drawings and watercolors for many of his works, plus *Picasso At Large in Toronto,* paintings, sculpture, ceramics and costume design on loan from private Toronto collections. To Oct. 2. 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Martin Honisch, recent paintings. Sept. 20-Oct. 8. 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Hew Elcock, large figuratives, acrylic on canvas; Chris Kier, abstract work on paper; David Wright, large format still life on canvas. Through Oct. 15. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 304. Phone 364-6181.

The Brownstone Hotel: Jack Pollock, *Impressions of Provence.* Sept. 6-Nov. 12. At 15 Charles St. E.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: An extensive exhibition of new work by Sylvia Safdie. Sept. 14-Oct. 4. At 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

First Impressions: *Sixth Anniversary Show.* James Coignard, acrylics on paper and hand-colored carborundum etchings on handmade paper, Continuing to Oct. 20. Bronze sculptures by May Marx. Until Dec. 31. 3441 Yonge St. 487-2887.

Galerie Dresdnere: *Seven Decades of Master Graphics,* etchings, lithographs, silkscreens from 1927 through the 1980s, by important artists including Appel, Baskin, Chagall, Dali, Kandinsky, Lindner. Until Sept. 23. *Berlin Series.* Paintings and works on paper by Montreal artist Peter Krausz, Sept. 24-Oct. 13. 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Gallery NYAC (North York Arts Council): *In the Mood,* acrylics by Luise Hausburg. Sept. 19-Oct. 1. Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr., 2nd Floor (one-half mile west of Yonge on south side of Finch). For more information call North York Arts Council, 225-4486.

Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: *Painters and the Derby China Works.* A collection of watercolors recently rediscovered. These are the Bamrose Papers, paintings for china done by the porcelain artists of the time. Through Jan. 111 Queen's Park. 593-9300.

Garnet Press/Gallery: Stephen Andrews, drawings. Sept. 17-Oct. 8. 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Gibson House Gallery: *Craft Exhibition by the York Heritage Quilters' Guild continues through Sept. and Oct. 5172 Yonge St. 225-0146.*

Harbourfront: Solo exhibition by Montrealer Andrew Forster, photo texts and paintings, in the North Gallery; Ian Wallace, a travelling photography exhibition from the Vancouver Art Gallery, in the East and West Gallery. Two architectural projects from the *Architecture Series,* Murray MacDonald, in the entrance, Alexander Pilis, upstairs foyer. Sept. 23-Nov. 6. All at The Power Plant, Queen's Quay W. 973-4949.

The Innuit Gallery of Eskimo Art: Nick Sikkuark from Gjoa Haven, extremely imaginative concepts in antler and whale bone. Sept. 17-Oct. 8. At 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985.

John B. Aird Gallery: *A Pleasant Blip in the Landscape.* Artists, designers and architects use an existing landscape situation to explore and develop aspects of "the house and tree" through paintings, drawings, constructions and computer images. Sept. 9-Oct. 1. Macdonald Block, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley. For information call 449-9543. **Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery:** Leo Wong's floral watercolors incorporating traditional Chinese and modern techniques. Sept. 19-Sept. 30. Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin St. 789-7011.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: *The Tata Era: 1937-1987,* a retrospective of photographs by Sam Tata. In both galleries. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Karney Daniels Gallery: Annual sculpture show including works by Misha Frid, Mary Hecht, Daniel Pokorn, Siggy Puchta, Ernest Raab and Nathan Rapoport. To Sept. 30. 11 Yorkville Ave. 964-1122.

The Koffler Gallery: Georgia Amar, Chapel Maquettes including the Beth Tikvah Installation. Sept. 7-Oct. 10. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Madison Gallery: A show by gallery artists. Through Sept. 344 Dundas St. W. 977-4017.

Marianne Friedland Gallery: *Summertime Selections* by Canadian and U.S. artists. Through Sept. 122 Scollard St. 961-4900.

Market Gallery: Paintings, documents, photographs, rare maps and artifacts, which examine the creation of Toronto harbor and its contribution to the city's recreation and prosperity. Continues to Oct. 23. South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Dance With Minutiae: The Paintings of Dulcie Foo Fat,* large canvases depicting magnified views of the Canadian landscape, images of family life, still-lifes, interiors. To Oct. 30. *Landmarks V & VI,* a small travelling exhibition of works by Lismer and Casson, to Oct. 2. *Inuit Works, Images of Women,* highlights the Inuit woman in drawing, print and sculpture. Until Oct. 17. *J.E.H. MacDonald Sketches,* 30 sketches starting in 1908. To Oct. 30. Islington Ave., Kleinburg, Ont. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: Joe Fafard, new sculpture. Sept. 14-Oct. 1. At 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Quan Schieder Gallery: Recent Works by Leslie Poole. Sept. 10-26. New works by Norman Laliberte, Sept. 24-Oct. 6. At 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

Robert McLaughlin Gallery: *In Search of Roots,* an exhibition by regional photographer Anne-Jan Groen. These are a record of the photographer's return to his birthplace, the town of Heej, in the Netherlands. Sept. 1-Oct. 16. *Tight Wires,* paintings by Noreen Tomlinson. Sept. 13-Oct. 23. *Nineteenth Century Japanese Prints.* Sept. 8-Oct. 19. *Paul Sloggett: Twelve Years.* Sept. 6-Oct. 23. Civic Centre, Oshawa. (416) 576-3000.

Royal Academy of Arts: *Objects of Magic,* 1988 Grand Prix des metiers d'art - Laurentian Bank of Canada exhibition. The works in the exhibition were selected in an annual competition for Quebec professional crafts people in all disciplines. To Oct. 2. 8 Adelaide St. E. For information, phone (416) 363-9612.

ROM (Royal Ontario Museum) *The Gould Collection of Netsuke,* miniature Japanese sculptures, continues to the end of Oct. Check next month's column for details about a fabulous exhibition on dinosaur art, to commence Oct. 20. 100 Queen's Park. 586-5549.

Yaneff Gallery: *Contemporary Canadian Art.* Among those represented are Pat Durr, works on paper; William Thomson, figurative oils; C. Anthony Law, traditional landscapes; Tom La Pierre, watercolors and Gerald Gladstone, abstract oils and bronze sculptures. To Sept. 30. 119 Isabella St. 924-6677.

YYZ: Works by Bill Jones, in the gallery. Also, *Phantom Witnessed,* an exhibition of five videotapes featuring research into the area of paralogical (psychic) television, in the screening room. Sept. 7-Oct. 1. 1087 Queen St. W. 531-7869.

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Showbiz Mishmash

Pioneering Adaskins champions of Canadian music

By
FRANK RASKY

Nowadays Toronto Symphony musicians manage to make a good living by moonlighting. But in the 1920s and early 1930s, their economic survival while playing the classical music they loved depended on "twilighting."

That term was used by the musicians — many of them Jewish — who performed at the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's "Twilight Concerts" held between 5.15 and 6.15 p.m. at Massey Hall.

Their total fee — which included payment for the time they put in for rehearsals — fluctuated between $5 and $10 per concert.

It was a trifling fee for the musicians, but it was better than nothing. It meant they could play the symphonic classics they adored during that one hour in the late afternoon before rushing off to the orchestra pits of the silent movie theatres. For their evening performances there, they earned their bread-and-butter income of about $40 a week.

This is just one of the intriguing items of Canadiana musical lore I discovered in a new book by **Gordana Lazarevich**, professor of musicology at the University of Victoria in British Columbia. It's titled *The Musical World of Frances James and Murray Adaskin* (University of Toronto Press; 331 pages; $37.50).

It evokes splendidly the struggle of this husband and wife team of pioneers, who in the first half of the 20th century helped shape the growth of serious music in Canada, despite tremendous odds.

Now in their 80s, long retired to sunny Victoria, they are able to look back at their artistic fight for a Canadian cultural identity as a joyful experience.

Adaskin, described by the author as a "quiet Canadian rebel with a Chaplinesque sense of humor," is perhaps the more colorful of the pair.

At 82, he takes pride in being a lifelong champion of Canadian music and musicians.

As a violinist, he cheerfully maintains that his chief lucky break was being born into a musical family at a time when Jewish fiddle players were at the peak of their popularity.

The son of **Samuel Adaskin**, an Orthodox immigrant wood carver from Latvia, he grew up in the heart of Toronto's teeming Kensington Market ghetto.

It was a poor but culturally rich home, where music was discussed around the kitchen table as ardently as Hebrew quotations from the Talmud, and where **Nisha**, the mother of Murray and his two brothers, lulled them to sleep with Jewish folk songs.

His elder brother, **Harry**, was a violinist who later became a member of the illustrious Hart House String Quartet. His young brother, **John**, played the cello in Murray's Toronto Trio and later became a top CBC-Radio producer of what was then called "long-hair" musical programs.

Murray Adaskin

Frances James

Helmut Kallman

Jean Lamon

Murray played any kind of music that would earn him a few dollars. He organized groups that played both pop and light classical melodies, whether at Eaton's Georgian Room, the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room, the Uptown Cinema Theatre, or between acts of plays staged at the Empire Theatre on Temperance St.

He enjoyed the camaraderie with his brilliant Jewish fellow string players then striving to make a living and a reputation in the shockingly underpaid musical world. Among them were such virtuosos as **Adolph Koldofsky, Samuel Hersenhoren, Maurice Solway, Eugene Kash, Hyman Goodman, Isadore Dubinsky** and **Boris** and **Jan Hambourg**. For campaigning for a living wage for musicians, Murray was ultimately given an honorary life membership in the Toronto Musicians' Union.

Adaskin has similarly been awarded the Order of Canada for being a zealous advocate of programming of Canadian music. He did so in his three roles: as a crusading member of the Canada Council; as head of the music department and composer in residence of the University of Saskatchewan; and as a founder of the Canadian League of Composers, along with such trailblazers as **John Weinzweig, Samuel Dolin, Louis Applebaum, Harry Somers** and **Harry Freedman**.

Adaskin's 60 compositions are notable for their genial warmth and wit and their tuneful melodies. They show the influence of **George Gershwin** and **Kurt Weill**, and reflect his Canadian and Jewish heritage.

His best known work is probably his opera, *Grant, Warden of the Plains*. It was commissioned by the CBC for Canada's 1967 Centennial celebrations, and glorified the legendary Scot-Cree Indian fur trade hero, **Cuthbert Grant**.

Others are his instrumental work commissioned by the Canadian Jewish Congress, *Israeli Violin Piece T'Filat Shalom* (A Prayer For Peace); his *Eskimo Melodies*, based on Inuit folk songs he taped at Rankin Inlet; and his *Alqonquin Symphony*, which captured in music Algonquin Park sounds, including the wail of the loon, the hammering of woodpeckers, and the choral croaking of frogs near his cottage on the shores of Canoe Lake.

Now 85, Frances James was Canada's leading lyric soprano and lieder singer from the 1920s to the 1950s. The Montrealer with the flute-like voice first gained renown as the concert recitalist entertaining summertime guests at the CPR hotels at Banff and Lake Louise.

She even presented outdoor songs on Sundays at the Banff Springs golf course. A quaint recording has been preserved of her singing and whistling a cowboy tune to the accompaniment of an accordion while sitting on a raft in the water hole in the middle of the course.

In a more serious vein, she was the lead operatic soprano in the North American premieres on the CBC of **Healey Willan's** first full-length Canadian operas, *Transit Through Fire* and *Dierdre of the Sorrows;* **Benjamin Britten's** *Peter Grimes*; and **Igor Stravinsky's** *Rake's Progess*.

After their marriage in 1931, she and Adaskin performed as a team in many cross-Canada concert tours.

She made the headlines in 1950. She protested publicly that Canadian artists were being exploited by two giant U.S. booking firms that had gained a monopoly control of the Canadian concert field. As an example, she cited her cross-Canada tour of 16 concert recitals. The box office take was $3,200. But after deducting the concert management fees plus expenses, she had netted a pittance of $500.

"It is assumed that if I did not have a husband to support me," she said, "I would either have to leave the country or give up singing."

She raised a rumpus again when the Lord's Day Alliance forced the Canadian Legion to cancel a veterans' benefit concert she was scheduled to perform on Sunday at University of British Columbia. It was feared that her singing for money would detract from church services.

"You may be sure I'll sing, even if I have to sing outside on the campus," she blithely told reporters on her arrival in Vancouver. "There's lots of space and fresh air there."

Now enjoying their autumnal years in Victoria, Adaskin is still composing and his wife is still teaching students "not just how to sing, but how to dig for more wealth in their own souls."

Lazarevich ends her biography nicely by quoting from Adaskin's *Travelling Musicians*, a charming musical fable for children, with verses by Victoria poet **P. K. Page**. It's about an aged quartet who continue to make music together in their retirement: a braying donkey who plays the flute, a barking dog with a talent for playing the timpani, a meowing cat with a fondness for the glochenspiel, and a rooster who crows and croons ballads.

The concluding lines suggest the happy atmosphere of the Adaskins' home:

And any day, if you happen
to pass that house,
Whether it be morning,
noon or night,
You will hear the musicians
making their music
For all who care to listen
Or for no other reason than
the sheer joy of it.
For no other reason than
the sheer joy!

News bulletin: As we go to press, a report has come from Victoria of the death of Frances James Adaskin in a hospital there and we join Murray Adaskin in mourning her loss.

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I'm glad to see that the University of Toronto Press has also given deserved recognition to another Jewish musical pioneer. It has recently published *Musical Canada: Words and Music Honoring Helmut Kallman.*

Edited by Toronto composer **John Beckwith** and McMaster University music professor **Frederick Hall**, it is a 369-page, $37 homage to the foremost historian of Canadian music. **Helmut (Max) Kallman** is the scholarly, Berlin-born, 66-year-old pianist turned archivist who has dedicated himself to ferreting out the musical lore of his adopted country. He was the CBC's musical librarian for 20 years. And his masterwork is the $85 1,076-page *Encyclopedia of Music in Canada*, also published by the University of Toronto Press.

The new book honoring Kallman, with chapters by 23 contributors, is packed with juicy pickings of Canadiana. I most enjoyed **Keith MacMillan's** uproarious account of how his distinguished father, **Sir Ernest MacMillan**, conductor of the Toronto Symphony, performed as Lady Bracknell in **Oscar Wilde's** *Importance of Being Earnest* in a German prisoner-of-war camp during World War I.

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Congratulations to Jewish violinist **Jean Lamon**, music director and concertmaster of Toronto's Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, which is currently celebrating its 10th anniversary season with much well-merited whoopdedoo.

(In case you're not familiar with the terms, tafelmusik is German for table or banqueting music. Baroque refers to the music composed between 1600 and 1750, and the word is derived from the Portuguese *barrocco*, meaning a pearl of irregular form.)

The Toronto group — the only full-time baroque orchestra in North America — will doubtless gleam like a strand of beautiful pearls on Sept. 8 and 9. I look forward to seeing it glitter then when it offers a retrospective, *The Best of Tafelmusik*, at Trinity-St. Paul's United Church, 427 Bloor St. W. at Spadina (964-6337). The program will include works by **Antonio Vivaldi, Arcangelo Corelli, Johann Sebastian Bach** and **George F. Handel**.

It will then embark on a 4-week tour of West Germany, Switzerland and Belgium. The group will invariably wow the European critics as it has in the past.

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I'll bow out this week with two quotes about Canadian music.

Toronto music critic **Augustus Bridle** in 1929:

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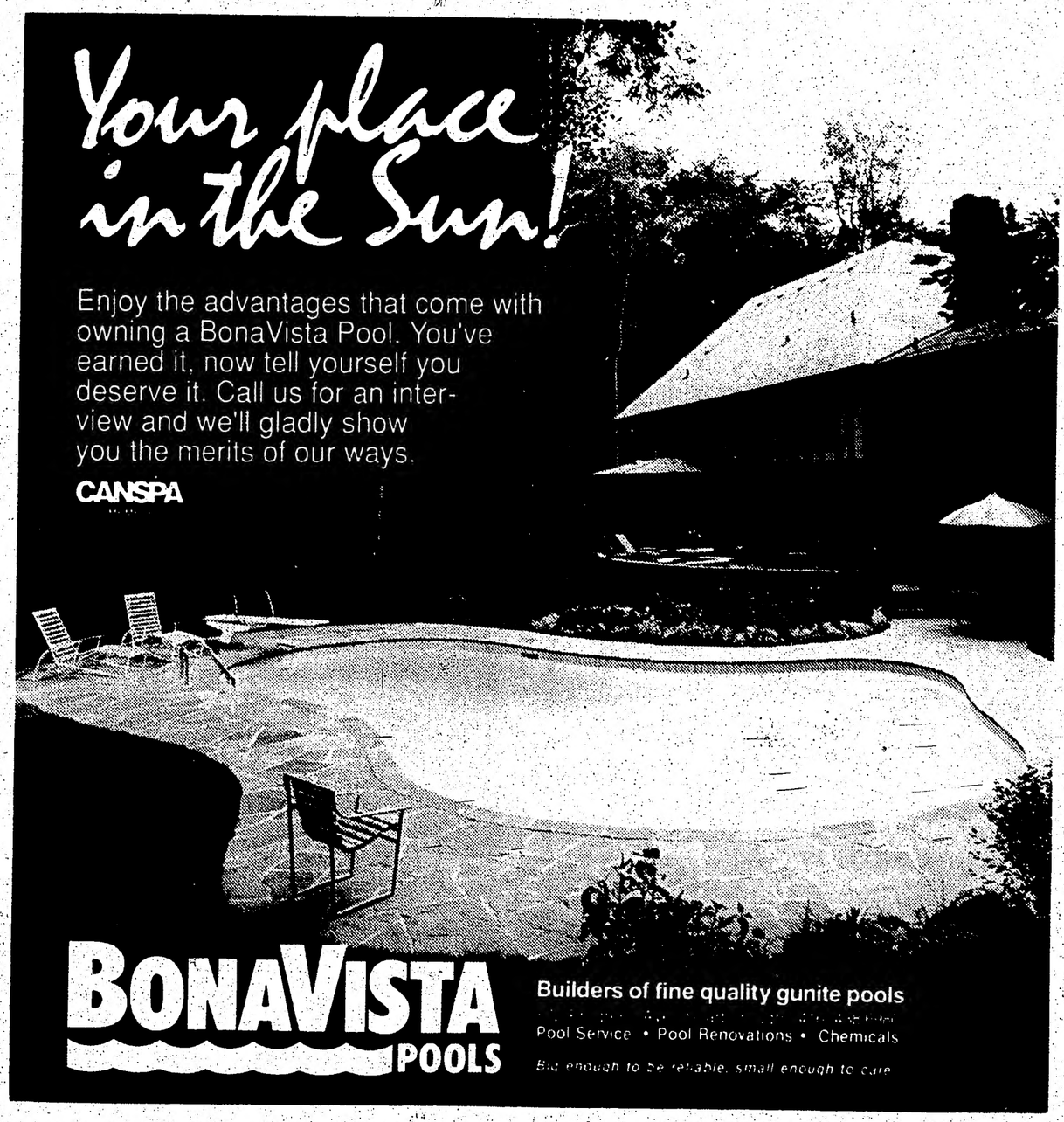
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Panorama of St. Lawrence River

Isle d'Orleans offers quaint setting

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

QUEBEC CITY —
Not all of France's early settlements are in Canada's oldest city. Not far away, and now as easily accessible, are islands in the wide St. Lawrence River where French families have made their homes for some 350 years.

The island of Orleans is 21 miles (38 km) long and 5½ miles (9 km) wide, and can be seen from the heights of Quebec City and reached by a highway bridge or by cruise boat.

It was not always that easy. Before 1935 when the bridge was built, the island was only accessible by boat or by an ice bridge in winter if the weather was cold enough. Should you come to Quebec City for the Winter Carnival, the first two weeks of February each year, you are reminded of the dangers of that crossing to the island during the annual canoe race through the ice-filled fast-flowing river.

This travel reporter used both water and land routes to visit the Isle d'Orleans. We left the old port area of Quebec City by cruise ship — a small one — and travelled around much of the island to the huge stone wharf at St. Laurent on the south shore. From there we toured by bus along the road which circles the island, passing by old farm houses, new summer homes, some windmills, and small communities.

It is a hilly island, well forested with maple trees, and the road always providing a view of the river with its international shipping.

On the way by boat we could see in the distance Montmorency Falls, east of Quebec City, a waterfall 274 feet (83.5 metres) high.

In St. Laurent are some old homes, at least one of which dates back 300 years. We ate at a former water mill where wheat was ground into flour, with power provided by a small waterfall. The mill is still there, but today the old building is a 2-storey restaurant, with typical French-Canadian menu and entertainment by a Dutch family which had owned the mill for 23 years and sold it to local people in 1986.

Both the meal and the musical entertainment of folk songs were informal but good.

We toured around the island, stopped to see old houses at St. Jean, St. Francis, St. Famille and St. Pierre, from where we crossed on the highway bridge to go back to Quebec City.

It is of interest to note that it was from the western tip of the island that British General James Wolfe launched his attack in 1759 on the steep cliffs of Quebec City to defeat French General Louis Montcalm and conquer New France.

There are two hotels, a motel and 13 bed and breakfast guest houses on the island of Orleans. Some 7,000 people live year-round, farm and make French-Canadian woven items and craft items which are available in small stores on the island.

A few hours drive east from Quebec City you come to Baie St. Paul, an artists' colony today with art galleries and craft shops but a farming area since 1678. Here along the main street which is also Highway 138, we wandered from one artist's shop to another and spent some time watching painters and weavers in the Centre d'Art.

Walk downhill to the waterfront to board the modern car ferry which sails frequently to Ile aux Coudres, so named (Hazel Nut Island) by Jacques Cartier in 1535 because he found there hazel nuts as big and tastier than those of his native France.

The island has been settled since 1748 and because it was only accessible by water the settlers built their own ships, some of which can still be seen around the island and nearby St. Joseph-de-la-Rive.

One of the main sights on the island is the windmill built in 1836. It is a round stone tower where grain was milled to flour. The mill is open in summer months; you can climb to the top where the sails of the windmill turn wheels to provide power for the grinding wheels.

There are a number of small museums on the island to craft work, shipbuilding, local history and fishing.

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1 Houses For Sale

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CLASSIC TUDOR — LOWER VILLAGE
$1,575,000. Prime Location. Elegant centre hall. Fabulous white kitchen, 32 ft. living rm., sep. dining rm., main flr. family rm., 5 bdrms., 3 baths on 2nd, panelled library. Call Eleanor Stanton, 483-4337.

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Affordable Value. Renovated with flair. Gourmet kitchen, 3 bdrms., finished lower level. Parking. Upgrades galore. Call Harold Hillman, 483-4337.

LOWER VILLAGE — $1,290,000
Totally Renovated 2-storey Tudor. Gracious principal rooms. Euro-style kitchen, main flr. family rm., 4 bdrms. + lavish master. Completely finished lower level + nanny's quarters & rec. rm. Call Shirley Sugar, 483-4337. SOLD

EXCLUSIVE — $329,000
Ideal for young family. 3 bedrms., 2 baths, finished lower level. Appealing decor. Call Marlene Federman, 483-4337. SOLD

UPPER VILLAGE — $649,000
Large lot, 2-storey home boasts 4 bdrms., 3 baths, main flr. powder rm., w/o from eat-in kitchen, finished lower level. Call Morris Simon, 483-4337.

HIGHBOURNE/U.C.C. DUPLEX
$679,000. Two elegant 3-bdrm. suites. Separate living & dining rooms. Vacant possession of lower. Call Rose Caplan, 483-4337.

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3-storey semi with doctor's office on main floor & 2nd residential above. Basement potential. Call Gary Mitchell, 483-4337. SOLD

LOWER VILLAGE — $1,175,000
Gracious Tudor family home beautifully renovated & up-dated. Family rm., white kitchen, Mexican tiles. English country garden. Dble. garage. Call Elayne Wortsman/Lesley Binstock, 483-4337. SOLD

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Attractive 2-storey townhouse. 3 bdrms., 2 baths, 5 appliances. Finished lower level. Central air. Ample parking. Call Shirley Sugar, 483-4337. SOLD

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$925,000. Stunning new townhouse. Large eat-in Salvarini kitchen, 4 bdrms. incl. master w/ensuite & fireplace. 5 baths. Family rm. with w/o, 2 car garage. Central air. Call Edith Weiss, 483-4337.

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Spacious, new 2 bdrms, 2 baths, modern facilities. Panoramic view. J. Heller 226-9770.

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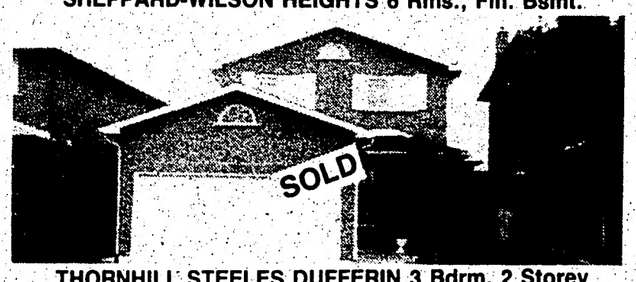

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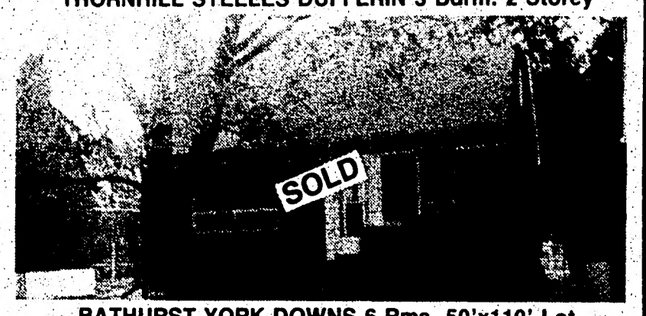

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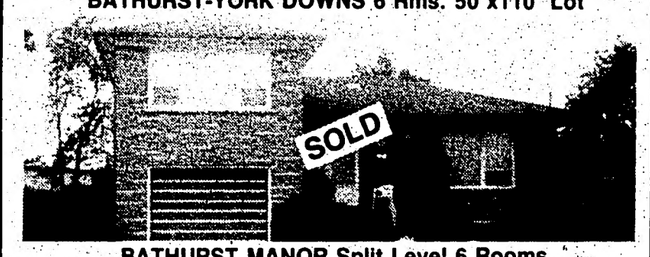

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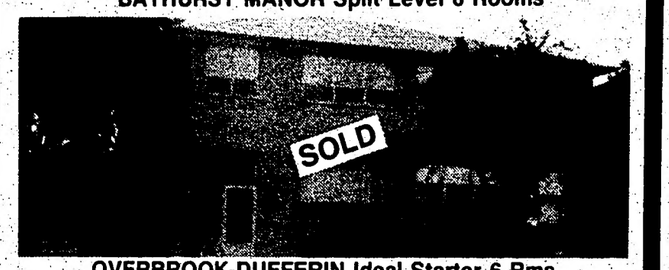

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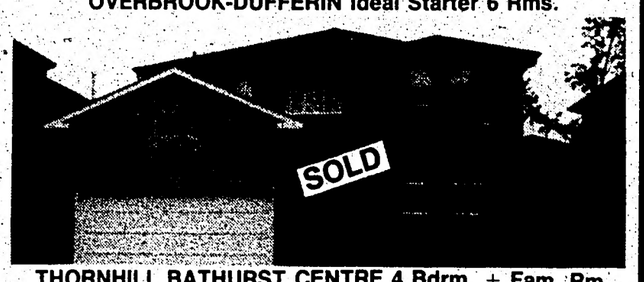

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$525,000 — Fabulous suite over 2,000 sq. ft. of balconies, south exposure. Arlette Carmona 488-4488.

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BATHURST/STEELES
$499,000 — Stunning centre hall design has main floor library and family room on quiet cul-de-sac. Olaga Schrage 488-4488.

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FAMILY HOME LESLIE/GREENLANE
$419,000 — Beautiful 4 bedroom, main floor family room and den. Large bright kitchen W/O to garden. Annemarie Heves 488-4488.

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BAYVIEW VILLAGE RENTAL
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SANDRINGHAM (SOUTH)
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Leslie Schnee 441-2888.

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$1,550,000 — Builders own contemporary style — finest quality. 4 Bdrm, indoor pool. Naomi Fruitman 441-2888.

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GREAT FOR ENTERTAINING
Custom built 4 bdrm. home with spacious sunfilled rms. 13' ceilings, oak/marble floors. Private inner courtyard $1,195,000.
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BAYVIEW/CUMMER NEW HOMES
Quality construction and finishings. Approx. 4100 to 4400 sq. ft. from $789,000 to $850,000. Rhona Friedenthal 441-2888.

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ELEGANT FAMILY HOME
Bayview south of Steeles. This immaculate 4 bdrm. home features spacious eat-in kitchen, sep. dining rm., main floor den. C. McEniry 488-4488.

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LESLIE & YORK MILLS LOCATION
$649,000 — Windows and skylights to watch the clouds drift by, 2 storey contemporary with family room, hardwood flrs and finished lower level. Carole Lazer 488-4488.

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EXQUISITE RANCH BUNGALOW
Very impressive 5 bdrm, w/o lower level overlooking golf club. $639,000. J.Zinman 441-2888.

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BATHURST - NORTH
$630,000 — Custom built side-split in immaculate condition. Main level has laundry, powder rm., lower level rec rm. + sep. apt.
Jack and Syma Solomon 488-4488.

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CENTRAL

BRIDLE PATH AREA
$1,250,000 — Unique 6 bdrm, 2 storey home on quiet crescent. Finest details and loads of charm. Late closing.
Marion Davis 488-4488/Hedy Feher 441-2888.

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BANBURY & LAWRENCE EXQUISITE NEW HOME
5 bdrms., 5 baths, marble entrance. Finished w/o bsmt. $ $ in extras.
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Bathurst/Glencairn 4200 sq. ft. of the ultimate design. Only the finest quality and workmanship. To view these exquisite plans, call
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$975,000 — Try this luxurious condo alternative that offers your own secluded garden and pool! Beautiful 4 bdrm. bungalow.
Sue Boriska 488-4488.

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COSMIC/HARLINGTON
$925,000 — A lovely designer decorative traditional residence. Impressive 2 storey living room. Circular staircase. Natalie Korman 441-2888.

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HILLHURST BLVD.
$739,000 — Magnificent 4 bdrm. totally updated! White eat-in kitchen. Great family room, superb glassed-in rec. room Call Rachel Ilany or Alyce Dlouha 488-4488.

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EXECUTIVE CEDARVALE HOME!
Lovely original panelling in principal rooms enhances the old world charm of this updated family home. Bill Greisman 488-4488.

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YONGE/LAWRENCE EXECUTIVE HOME
Renovated up to the minute. Ideal for couple or single. Private drive, white kitchen, CAC, Japanese garden. Cheryl Graff 441-2888.

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BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS EXECUTIVE TOWNHOME
Approx. 1250 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., 2½ bath, w/o to patio. Eat in kitchen. Fin. rec. room. Renee Saks 441-2888.

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447 WALMER #406 "BEST BUY CONDO"
$449,000 — 2 bdrm, 2 baths, open concept LR/DR, pool, security, Spadina Village loc. Gail Prince 488-4488.

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HIGHPOINT/BRIDLE PATH
$4,950,000 — Vive la difference in this french estate. This scene is set for the formal or casual entertaining. Customized throughout. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

THE BRIDLE PATH
$3,500,000 — A dramatic contemporary with sun filled rooms and generous space. Indoor pool. This home is truly above your expectations.
Faygie Buchman 488-4488.

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BRIDLE PATH AREA — 2.8 ACRES
$2,950,000 — Solid stone french manor home. Unique ravine property. Large principal rooms. Outdoor pool and patio. Doreen Ruscica 488-4488.

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TUDOR GATE
$2,950,000 — A dazzling 7000 square foot contemporary with pool, featuring access from all main level rooms to tranquil wooden garden.
Marilyn Feldman 441-2888.

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THE BRIDLE PATH!
$2,500,000 — Prestigious area lot 150'x300' with southern exposure. Carol Wise 488-4488.

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SUPERB VICTORIAN MANSION
Gracious living recaptured! A visual feast awaits you. Circa 1900. Enormous foyer, 15 grand and elegant rooms. Toby Farb 488-4488

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Wonderful building opportunity on a 100'x300' ft. deep lot! Have a pool/tennis court. Design your dream. Call Frances Novack to view 441-2888.

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BEAUTIFUL "ALEXANDRA WOOD"
A magnificent 3 storey, 6 bdrm. Georgian has new family size gourmet kitchen. Family room. See this elegant home with Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

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YORK MILLS/BAYVIEW
$1,299,000 — Your dream home! Beautiful lot, quality finishings, 5 bedrooms, large principal rooms, gourmet kitchen.
Call Joan Soble Aronoff 488-4488.

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BATHURST-CLARK QUIET CRESCENT
Excellent value. Must be seen. 4 bedroom, 2 storey, 2 years new. Family room, fireplace, white kitchen, double garage, central air. Early possession. *MIRIAM ROSE 223-5100.

LESLIE-STEELES EXCLUSIVE COURT NORTH YORK
Builder's own custom home. Main library and family room. Quality throughout. $639,000. *BEV BURSTEIN 223-5100.

BATHURST MANOR, SUPER 3 BEDROOM
Bungalow. Separate entrance to potential in-law apt. Rec room, garage. New furnace and roof. *HELEN WINER 223-5100.

BAYVIEW SOUTH OF YORK MILLS
Carlton new quality home now nearing completion. Luxury appointments. Wonderful entertainment flow awaits your custom finishings. $1,980,000. *BEV BURSTEIN 223-5100.

CLARK/BATHURST/NEW WESTMINSTER
4 bedroom. White kitchen. Walk-out to beautiful dec. Grey-white decor. Double garage. Immaculate. *GAYLE FRIENDLY 223-5100.

WOODLAND ACRES CUSTOM BUILT HOME
1 Acre lot. 4 bedroom, 5 baths, sauna, finished basement, white modern kitchen, triple garage. *GAYLE FRIENDLY 223-5100.

BATHURST NORTH OF STEELES
2 storey, 3 bedroom. Master ensuite. Family room, with fireplace. Double garage. Won't last. *SARA BZOWSKI 223-5100.

CARLTON MASTERPIECE, THE BRIDLE PATH $3,800,000
Outstanding architecture and quality awaits you in this custom residence. Approx 8,000 sq. ft. on 2 floors. Designed and accessorized for lavish entertaining. Parklike garden for pool and court. *BEV BURSTEIN 223-5100.

THE BROWNSTONES LUXURY 3 BEDROOM END UNIT
Freehold townhome, steps to Yonge, references, 2 year lease. *C. GODFREY 224-2800.

JUST LISTED BATHURST/CLANTON PARK BEAUTIFUL
Sidesplit mn. flr. family rm, sauna, updated income basement, very close to synagogue. *C. FLEISCHMANN 224-2800.

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING ALMOST 6,000 SQ. FT. 3 CAR GARAGE
Under construction on Arnold Ave. Bathurst/Clark, totally upgraded, steps to synagogue. *C. FLEISCHMANN 224-2800.

PRESTIGIOUS RIDGEGATE S. OF BATHURST/STEELES
Stunning 4 bdrm, 2-storey, all possible extras, fin. bsmt, bar, sauna, parquet flr. *L. SPECTOR 224-2800.

CONDOMINIUMS

THE CONSERVATORY BEAUTIFUL 2 BDRM, 2 BATH
Immediate possession, references. *C. GODFREY 224-2800.

BATHURST/CLARK $229,900 UNIQUE 2 BDRM, SUNDEN
Huge kit, laundry ens, rec. facil, neutral decor, bdrms. at opposite ends, immed. poss. *A. LIPTON 224-2800.

BATHURST/FINCH SUPER LUX. 2 BDRM & DEN, 5 YEAR
Old bldg, 3 car parking, south exposure, 5 appl, thousands in extras, spotless cond. *LEON KOGAN 224-2800.

BATHURST — *PROMENADE* — LARGEST UNIT, 2 BDRM, SOLARIUM
Plus balcony, low flr, south exposure, great decor, vendor must sell, thousands in upgrades. *BERTA KOGAN 224-2800.

*Sales Rep.

RICHMOND HILL COUNTRY CLUB — $1,650,000.00

Striking modern architecture in extremely private & picturesque 3/4 acre ravine setting with inground pool & beautiful garden. 8,000 sq. ft. of lux. living space with the ultimate in quality & workmanship & ideal entertaining. Sheila Leung/Lilian Chin-Mason, Sales Reps, Living Realty Inc., 977-0060.

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One-of-a-kind, Ravine. $1,595,000. The most elegant & luxury living in this 6,000 sq. ft. home. 5 bdrms, 7 baths, multiple marble frplces; oversized solid oak entrance doors lead to sunken Italian marble thruout. Enhanced by 2-storey living rm. Magnificent circ. oak staircase, oak panelled fam. rm. and library, herringbone oak plank flooring, outstanding gourmet kitchen with w/o to deck & sunroom; skylights; completely finished bsmt with w/o; wet bar, hot tub, sauna, maid's rm; 2x6 construction, plaster walls thruout, 9' ceilings, 2 furnaces, $$$$$ in extras. Nothing was forgotten. Country living in the city. View with AHUVA SIMONE 222-2003.

122 ACRES IN KING TWS. GREAT INVESTMENT. CALL TODAY IVAN KORDA

SPADINA/COLLEGE — $890,000.00
Commercial and office use, 3 storey, good investment and excellent investment. Great Potential, Superb location. Call today for more information, Anthony S. West.

PRIME CORNER PROPERTY, 4.6 Acres in Vaughan. Great Potential. Ivan Korda.

GREEN LANE/BAYVIEW EXCLUSIVE — CHOICE LOTS STILL AVAILABLE
CUSTOM homes from 3,200 sq. ft. 4 or 5 bdrms, fam. rm. & library, oversized lots, ravine, child-proof cul-de-sac, loaded with extras. From $540,000. Alex Likhtaryov/Lucy Melamud 222-2003.

BATHURST & EGLINTON
Demand area, bungalow, finished basement, separate entrance EXTRA'S. Large lot. ALEX LIKHTARYOV, 222-2003.

BATHURST/STEELES $274,900
Lovely 4 bdrm, 3 baths, family rm, & fireplace and more. MIKE COHEN, 222-2003.

BATHURST & ELGIN $394,900
LUXURY, upgraded 2 storey 4 bdrm, family room and den main floor 64' frontage, private lot and more. LUCY MELAMUD 222-2003.

BATHURST/CENTRE — $214,900.00
SUPER LOCATION, Well priced 3 bdrm, appliances, central air. Call now, Shula Schwartzman.

BATHURST/DREWRY
SPACIOUS 4 Bedroom, 4 baths, family room, 2 fireplaces, professionally finished basement, new European arborite kitchen, and more. A. Simone.

BAYVIEW & JOHN $244,900
Beautiful 3 bdrm, 3 bath, family rm, fireplace and finished basement. GREAT INVESTMENT. SHULA SCHWARTZMAN. 222-2003.

LESLIE/GREEN LANE $449,900
Prestige area, lovely 4 bdrm., family rm., fireplace, skylight and more. IVAN KORDA - 222-2003.

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GLENORCHY NEW CUSTOM
$1,990,000. 100' front. Custom blt. for spring. 5,600 sq. ft., 7 bdrms., 10' ceils. Sensational kit. Prime loc. S. Bobkin/S. Spector 226-1987.

PRESTIGIOUS PRESCOTT COURT
$1,750,000. Spectacular 2 stry. res. Spacious prin. rms. Breathtaking kit. Stunning master ste. w/marble frpl. Fin. lower lev. S. Bobkin 226-1987.

NEW CONSTRUCTION ON 5,100 S.F.
$1,695,000. Hurry before the price goes up on this custom designed 5 bdrm. traditional home on a ½ acre lot in one of Toronto's hottest areas. Loretta Grammer/Ester Rosenthal 226-1987.

LOWER VILLAGE GEORGIAN
Traditional centre hall. Main floor. New gourmet Kitchen, 6 bdrms, library features oak fireplace & an entertaining bar. Totally renovated. Dble. Garage. David Wagman 488-2875.

EXCEPTIONAL NEW 5 BEDROOM
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AVA RD. Across synagogue, 3 bdrm. + 2 bdrm. downstairs, liv./din. rm., extra eat-in kitch., $407,000. 221-6901.

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5 Condominiums For Sale

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9 Accommodation Available

Bathurst-Chabad Gate - Basement apartment, shared entry/rec. room, non-smoker. 635-2883 #150/881-5827.

Bathurst/Eglinton - One bedroom in house, own bath, all facilities, parking. Female student preferred. 782-1931.

Bathurst, near JCC - Room available in house, own bathroom, kitchen facilities, parking, near TTC. Female preferred, non-smoker. 221-3845.

11 Shared Accommodation

Roommate wanted to share large 2 bedroom apartment, Finch/Yonge, pool and health club facilities. Rent $505 + $35 parking. ½ block to subway, 10 minutes to York U. Call 226-4767 anytime. Available immediately.

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Custom built 4 bdrm., cathedral foyer, mn. flr. fam. & library, ceramics, beautiful landscaped 50' lot. Ted Waxman - 731-7111.

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ROSEDALE NORTH — A REAL DREAMMM!
Spacious 4 bdrm., tastefully decorated in gray, tones, mn. flr. library, sunken fam. rm., open circular staricase, upgraded kitch., move in condition. Bella Beer, 731-7111.

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Fantastic ultra-modern, fin. bsmnt., Jacuzzi, ceramics, mirrors. Decorated, must be seen! $384,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-ELGIN — GRACIOUS LIVING!
Immaculate 4 bd., mn. flr. fam. rm. + den, grand foyer, upgraded kitchen, approx. 2,900 sq. ft. $351,900. Susan Kruger, 731-7111.

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Bathurst/Wilson - Large 1-bedroom basement apartment, separate entrance, non-smoker, $700. 636-7486.

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14 Cottages For Sale

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17 Florida Property For Rent

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18 Florida Property For Sale

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28 Announcements

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29 Social Announcements

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30 Articles For Sale

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39 Domestic Help Wanted

Mature person for housekeeping and babysitting, live in/out. 881-0994.

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Rachel Dayan proudly shows offer her silver medal earned in shotput competition.

To. athletes collect medals

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Ninety-one Toronto athletes have returned home from Chicago with a clutch of 37 medals earned at the recent 4th North American Maccabi Youth Games.

Gymnast Dov Bader with seven gold medals led the Toronto contingent.

Unlike the quadrennial Maccabiah Games in Israel, in which teams represent their home countries, contingents to the biennial junior games are fielded by individual community centres and Ys.

Toronto's 91-athlete team was the single largest Canadian contingent, with other centres sending teams as well: Montreal (50), Ottawa (16), Hamilton (14), Windsor (14) and Edmonton (3). Altogether, 55 delegations participated, with Brazil and Israel joining the Canadians and Americans.

The Torontonians did "exceedingly well," said Harold Cipin, chef de mission of the team. In addition to Bader's 7 gold medals, the gymnastic team earned some other hardware: Bethany Dworkin garnered 3 gold and 1 silver medal, while Martin Alexander earned 3 silvers and Debbie Singer of Kingston a bronze.

In track and field, Joseph Kibur won 3 gold medals in the 800, 1,500 and 3,000 metre races. Rachel Dayan took home a silver in shotput while Judy Elfasey earned two bronze medals in the 100 and 200 metre sprints.

Dereck Brans ran for gold in the 400 metres, while two boys' relay teams won gold. Danny Shulman, Dereck Brans, I. Jay Polanski and George Kerbel were first in the 4 x 100 metre relay, while Adam Burnett, Josh Kerbel, I. Jay Polanski and Joseph Kibur got the other gold in the 4 x 400.

In tennis, Tisha Ornstein teamed up with an unidentified non-Torontonian to win the silver medal in doubles competition while in the pool, Kevin Gordon swam for two bronze medals.

The karate team, led by coach Michael Hirchberg, won 4 gold and 1 bronze medal: 14-year-old David Denov got the bronze in the kata (forms) category; Dagan Gottesmann (14) got the gold in kata and another gold in kumite (fighting); and Melvin Gabay won two gold in kata and kumite in the 15-year-old age group.

Jason Abram and Kevin Levy won a bronze in racquetball doubles.

Michael Kazakevich won a gold in table tennis and teamed up with Marc Alexander for two team silvers.

The softball team rounded out the medal haul with a gold.

Besides the athletic competition, the 1,900 young athletes (younger than 17) enjoyed live musical entertainment, rock videos, a rock 'n roll and blues concert, a tour of the Museum of Science and Industry as well as stirring opening ceremonies.

The reception by the Chicago community was "warm and hospitable" and the youngsters met many Jewish athletes from all over the world, said Cipin, director of branch operations for the Jewish Community Centre.

Some of the Toronto athletes have the potential to make it on next summer's Canadian contingent to the 13th Bar Mitzvah Maccabiah Games in Israel, he added.

And the more distant future "looks very bright. There are young athletes with tremendous potential," Cipin said.

The JCC will be running house leagues and training clinics to help prepare the kids for the next youth games. Many of the team's 16 coaches are enthusiastic, Cipin said, and the JCC is inviting youngsters to join the Centre and participate in its programs.

For more information, contact Ted Thompson at the JCC at (416) 636-1880, ext. 322.

Business Outlook

Bank Hapoalim expands services

New export loan fund set

TEL AVIV —

Bank Hapoalim has established a special loan fund of 25 million New Israel Shekels (about $15 million U.S.) for Israeli manufacturers wishing to revamp their production lines, in order to enter export markets.

Establishment of this fund, which, it is claimed, has no parallel in Israeli banking, is another innovative action on the part of Bank Hapoalim in expanding its services to the manufacturing sector. "This is expected to contribute to the Israeli economy by aiding companies experiencing slowdowns of sales in the domestic sphere to diversify their markets, and by encouraging the expansion of exports," says a bank official.

Manufacturers wishing to transform their production lines for exports can receive loans from the fund of up to 500,000 shekels (about $300,000) for three or five years at preferred rates. With their applications, they will be expected to present a business and marketing plan that will be reviewed by Bank officials.

Bank Hapoalim's growing involvement with medium-size export-oriented companies already was evidenced several months ago, with the creation of prizes for exporters who are either new to the realm of export or who have made significant inroads into a new product field. These prizes are to be awarded in October.

Bank Hapoalim, with more than $30 billion in assets, operates 340 branches and offices in 14 countries.

Copperfield starts over

TORONTO —

Reconstruction of 62 of the townhouses in downtown Toronto which were destroyed in a $3.5 million fire in late June at the Copperfield project is proceeding on schedule, says Robert Daniels, president of Daniels Development Corporation of Toronto.

Copperfield is a joint venture development of Camrost Development Corporation and Daniels Development Corporation.

"Assuming that the masonry trade reaches a settlement soon, purchasers should be able to move in between February and April, 1989," added Daniels.

The garage slabs and foundations were tested to ensure they were structurally sound. Reconstruction of the townhouses remained on schedule, following negotiations with suppliers during the past few weeks to obtain replacement building materials.

As intially promised, the reconstruction process will take three months to reach the level of completion which had been achieved on June 29. A further 2-month minimum period is required to complete the townhouses.

"We have been impressed with the patience and understanding purchasers have shown throughout this ordeal," Daniels said. "The cooperation of contractors, suppliers and the Phoenix Insurance Company has helped us to move the reconstruction process along as quickly as possible."

Intifada costs builders $194 million in damages

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The intifada will cost the building industry $194 million in damages this year, the Federation of Builders and Contractors estimates.

The figure was prepared to back up a proposal for a similarly sized compensation fund.

The Contractors Association said the added expenses created from the uprising in the territories — from work days lost to high levels of absenteeism to the added security costs of guarding construction sites — would equal 8.5% of the sector's projected 1988 turnover of $2.3 billion.

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Business Outlook

Few Jews found in top management

LEXINGTON, Mass. — In industries ranging from oil to chemicals, foods, public utilities and commercial banking, there are disproportionately few Jews in senior management positions relative to their representation in the college-educated labor pool.

Yet, they are found in the same industries, often the same companies, as professional staff and even as consultants! The relationship between American Jews and corporate America is marked by a notable absence of Jews from the boardrooms of the large, economically and socially powerful industries which influence and lead the American business community.

In this hardhitting study, Abraham Korman, the Wollman distinquished professor of management at Baruch College, City University of New York, examines this phenomenon and its historical, institutional and social causes. He spotlights behaviors, attitudes and practices by both Jews and non-Jews which account for the low numbers of Jewish senior corporate executives.

Korman argues that Jews and non-Jews both contend that Jews are outsiders in American society and the American workplace, and they behave accordingly. Many Jews, for example, make career and occupational choices that will allow them to control their worklife.

They frequently develop valuable skills and expertise that make them welcome in every kind of industry, at every level excluding the top, where social factors play a more significant role. Corporate employers recruit, select and promote executives who can move along the insider track, and discriminate against those who are perceived to be too different to be socially acceptable at top levels.

And, Korman asserts, because Jews identify with other outsider groups, they have actively promoted or accepted affirmative action programs for all minorities, despite the possibility that these programs may limit Jewish employment in certain fields.

Using extensive documentation from the literature as well as his own original research, Korman shows how the insider-outsider hypothesis illuminates patterns in the corporate world.

Rothman joins real estate firm

TORONTO — Mollie Rothman, former president of Toronto Na'amat, has accepted the position of sales representative with Ahuva Real Estate.

"We are pleased to welcome this dynamic, civic-minded woman as a member of our sales team," company president Ahuva Simone said.

Mollie Rothman

Rothman's community service experience is extensive. During her more than 30 years with Na'amat, she has been chairman of the group's adopt-a-child program, bazaar, and club Beersheba. Currently, she serves as national aliya chairman.

In addition, Rothman, president of Beth Torah Congregation, has served as volunteer coordinator of Israel Day and the Jerusalem pavilion during Caravan. She has been program chairman of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and presently is a board member of Bialik Hebrew Day School. Her volunteer activities also include service with the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the United Jewish Appeal.

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Strong efforts to boost winter visits

El Al predicting recovery for tourism at hand

By
WENDY ROSEN

JERUSALEM —
Word of mouth has minimized the damage the uprising in the territories has caused the Israeli tourism industry, an El Al spokesman says.

Nachum Kleiman says this coupled with other counter-measures means that the "incidents in the suburbs" have not had as drastic effect on tourism as they might have had.

Kleiman said that after 1987's record year in which 1.7 million passengers travelled by El Al, the airline had predicted a 6% growth. Because of the disturbances in the territories which began in December, the rate not only didn't grow but will probably drop by 12 to 14%.

He said that it took the company a while to organize a response to bolster tourism because, normally the reaction to a threat or disturbance is an immediate downturn.

"Response has been positive"

In 1986, the terrorist attack at the Rome airport caused an immediate response and "it took a while to show that Israel was a safe destination." Tourism recovered quickly.

This time, the reaction was not immediate. January, February and March showed good growth.

"We didn't believe it (the disturbances) would continue so took no immediate direction to counter it," Kleiman said.

However, for a 3-month period beginning the end of January, El Al issued 2,000 tickets to travel agents, rabbis, priests, Jewish and Christian community leaders and even parents — decision-makers as to whether groups or individuals travelled to Israel.

"We took them on tours and showed then the Israel that tourists — the pilgrimage visitor or the summer youth participant — would see. We showed them a normal existence which hopefully would counter any negative feeling," he said.

"The response has been positive. They found the beaches are safe and you can walk around without fear — no tourist has been turned into a target.

"The average person never gets to the West Bank area — there are no tourist attractions there and the area is not developed. It's well off the beaten track."

Kleiman said the drop in tourism especially from North America occurred in mid-April, when there were cancellations and a lack of new reservations to meet expectations for the summer period.

The program "did not return things to normal but deferred greater damage."

Kleiman said Christian groups are still coming to Israel. "They're the last ones to cancel because their belief that the Lord will protect them is greater than their fear."

About 10,000 students were predicted to participate in summer programs prior to the disturbances. About 7,000 came — the drop off was predominantly from North America, he said, adding that Europeans are traditionally more used to threats and disturbances than Americans or Canadians.

Another factor affecting travel to Israel is the weakening American dollar, which has affected tourism to Europe. He explained that many tourists package their trip to Israel with a holiday to another part of the Middle East or Europe. (El Al now has various add-on packages whereby a vacationer can combine a visit in Israel with one to Egypt, and new this year, Turkey.)

Whatever trend affects Europe will probably also affect Israel and the other way around, he said.

"Our efforts now are to boost winter tourism to minimize the effect of the drop."

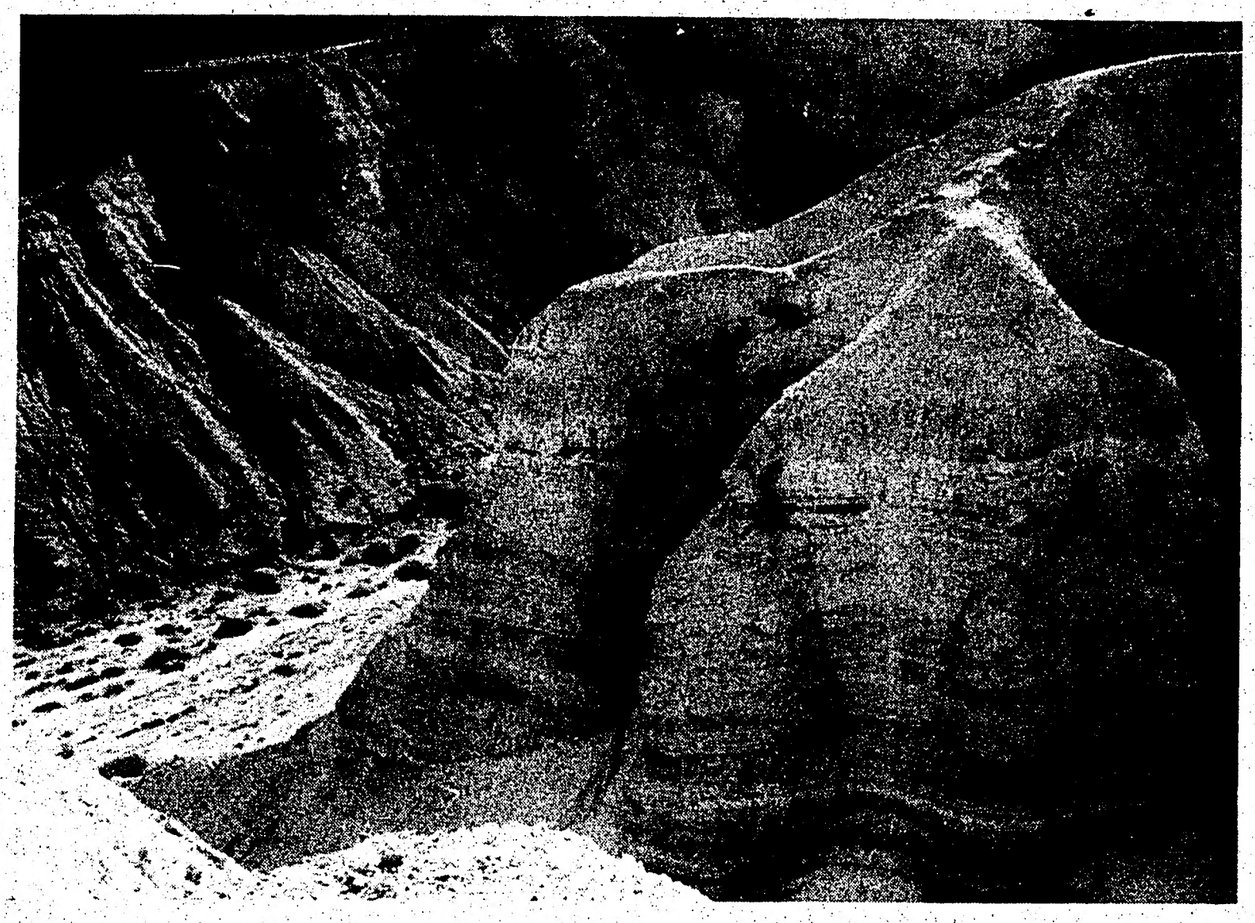
In the early 80s, the airline tried to counter negative publicity by bringing in celebrities to serve as spokemen. People such as Jane Fonda, Kirk Douglas and Peter Strauss returned to the United States telling Americans that Israel is quiet and safe.

Last month, El Al imported Caspar the Friendly Ghost to be photographed with visitors and "give us the opportunity to build a feeling of calm. Even a comic book character can give the feeling of business as usual in the country."

Kleiman said the timing is especially difficult because of Israel's 40th anniversary.

"Perhaps Israelis expected a little more of a feeling of wanting to celebrate together; to make it a special year to see Israel and see how much has been done and how it has advanced in 40 short years," he said, adding that after the Rosh Hashanah period, El Al itself begins its 40th anniversary celebrations.

"We're still optimistic. Israel has still a lot of room for growth and there is the feeling that next year will be a better year."



Most of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in these caves in Qumran. [Judi Rosen photo]

This optimism has manifested itself in an expansion program at Ben-Gurion Airport. As well, the airline itself will spend $1.5 billion over the next decade in new aircraft. Four new planes — one 747 and three 757s — were bought this year alone.

This brings the airline's fleet to a total of 17: nine 747s, which can carry 450 people; four 767s — two are used for trans-Atlantic flights — which hold 224; three 757s, which hold 189 people and are used primarily for European market, and two 737s, which carry 111 people and are used for short European destinations.

As for the 747s, five are pure passenger planes, two are pure freighters and the last two can be converted to either as the need arises.

Kleiman said the cargo segment of El Al's business has risen to about 25% of the airline's annual revenue and this indicates the growth in Israeli exports — such as electronics, agriculture and food items — over the years.

This is true especially in Europe, he said.

"Israel can grow produce year round and the demand in major cities is there. We operate flights every day to major cities. The 747s can carry 30 tons of produce on passenger flights to London on Sunday and the goods can be in the market for the opening on Monday.

A cargo plane can carry 130 tons. One of the largest items exported is flowers and the largest centre demanding them is Amsterdam.

The key cargo stops are London, Amsterdam and Cologne as well as Montreal, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami.

New push in changing times

Beckoning the non-Jewish market

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
Times are changing and Israel must sell itself in the tourism market as more than a homeland of the Jews, two El Al Canada officials say.

Rehavia Ben-Shach, vice-president and general manager for Canada, and Nahum Kara, district manager for Ontario and Western Canada, say that as the size of the North American Jewish community is limited, it is imperative that the destination be attractive to the significantly larger Gentile market.

About seven years ago, the airline made a concerted effort "to drum up the pilgrimage traffic through the churches. Irrespective of denomination, there is an affinity, an interest to go to the Holy Land."

They say that people want to explore new places and Israel can offer more attractions at comparable prices as charged to Greece and Spain even though those places are closer to North America.

"Years ago, Jews made up about 80 to 85% of the total traffic to Israel but now it's not more than 50 to 60%," they said, adding that only 15 to 20% of North American Jewry has been to Israel.

What has also increased significantly in the last couple of years is the number of families going to Israel for a bar mitzvah ceremony at the Western Wall. About 250 conventions — mainly high-tech and medical — are held annually.

As well, nearly 1,000 youths worked on a kibbutz last summer and the Volunteers for Israel program, whereby for three weeks retired or semi-retired adults get reduced airfare and free room-and-board at an army camp in exchange for working, has become so popular that there are many repeaters.

El Al is also more than an airline — it is a tour packager. Ben-Shach said the airline offers reasonably priced tours — stayputs or escorted — for different durations. One aimed at seniors, who seek a warmer climate during a long Canadian or American winter, is a 20-nighter that allows individuals to extend their stay. Another, billed as from generation to generation, is geared to families who want to "keep the dream alive."

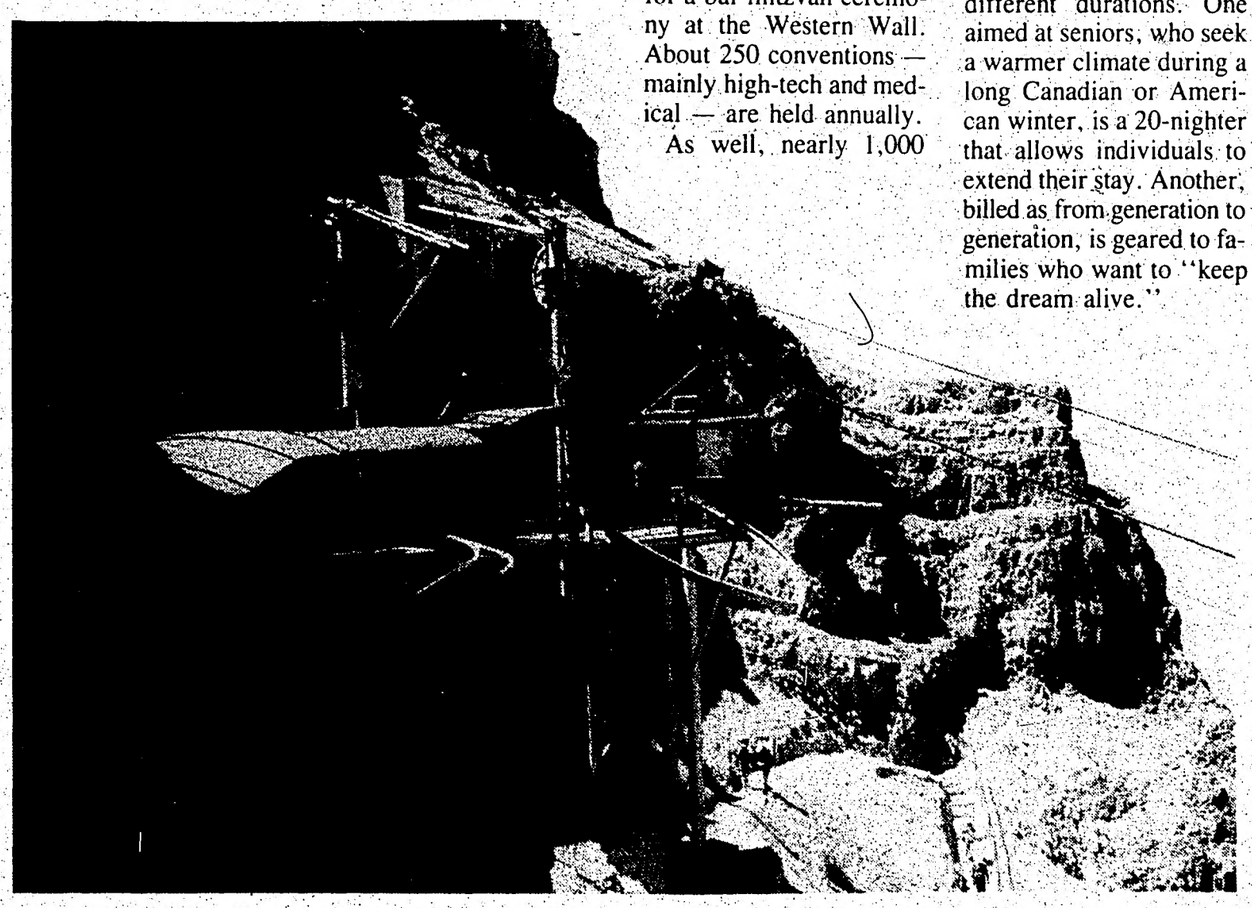
Two special packages now offered are flight to, and accommodation in, Eilat (three days) and Cairo (four days). The Egypt trip includes a city tour of Cairo — the Egyptian Museum, The Citadel, Mohammed Ali Mosque and the Ibn Ezra Synagogue — and a full-day trip to Memphis and Sakkara, the Pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza.

Nile cruises and a package to Turkey, which is becoming a popular tourist destination, are two side trips El Al Canada is considering for next year, they said. (The package to Istanbul, Turkey is currently available to Europeans.)

The airline's North American headquarters is in Montreal. Ben-Shach explained that in 1971, when the service to Israel commenced, there was only one or two flights per week. Today there are four.

In 1982, El Al began to operate a feeder service from Miami to Montreal so that Israelis could fly directly via Montreal. Then feeders were added from Boston and Chicago and "Montreal became the hub for the northern hemisphere."

Kara added that in order to operate non-stop flights from Montreal on a 747, for efficiency's sake, it was necessary to transfer tourists from various North American locations onto one plane.



A cable car takes passengers part of way up Masada. [Judi Rosen photo]

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Selichot summons us to be alert

Answers of yesterday become problems of today

By
RABBI
SELIG KOROLNEK

The Selichot services begin with "Rightousness is Thine, oh Lord, in confusion is ours." Perhaps now at the end of the year when we look in retrospect on the outgoing year we become filled with the remorse of boshet panim": shame and confusion.

What were our positive achievements during the year? Are we better human beings now than we were on last Rosh Hashanah? The accomplishments appear meagre if not nil! It cannot be said that we did not try.

On the contrary, we have devised solutions to problems that blocked our progress and have even passed through agonizing periods in formulating new answers to the never-ending series of problems that were our companions during the year.

Why then did we fail? Why are we forced to begin anew with Genesis?

The inexhaustible tragedy is that the answers of yesterday became the problems of today. Answers do not partake of finality nor satisfy forever our yearnings. On the contrary, because we have grown older we seek new answers, for we have outgrown the old ones. The junk of one generation becomes the antique of a later age, but the given answers of last month may be aggravated in pressing problem of today.

Note how we express in the Selichot, our inadequacy before God: "Like the poor and the needy, we knock at the gates." In the Hebrew language "ani" and "evyon" are the most popular synonyms for poor. Yet here we use "dalim" and "rashim," and advisedly so. Dalim and rashim as a rule are applied to poor people who were once well to-do but lost their substance, whereas ani and evyon describe the chronically poor.

Rabbi Selig Korolnek

On Selichot we appear before the Almighty as poor recalling the better days we enjoyed. During the year we have surely acquitted ourselves in a commendable manner by carving answers but we failed to realize that the rush of events soon makes them obsolete, transforming us into Dalim and Rashim, poor in spirit and impoverished of achievements. Because we gave short-lived answers to enduring questions we are again beset by the same problems.

It is axiomatic that our crisis is one of faith, where the failure of nerve is due to the constant erosion of our spiritual resources. Especially in our youth we face crises based on the ultimate questions of the whys and wherefore of life. The infantile religious answers we were given momentarily satisfied us but once their glitter wore off, the same questions remained.

The religious answers must not merely deal with externals of worship such as decorum or the length of services but concern themselves with the inner experience of the worshipper and of the impact prayer makes on his own life. A meaningful and impressive High Holiday service is not an answer to the growing daily problems of our role in life and destiny.

Adult study groups convey urgency of seeking identity

There is a permanent thirst for knowledge and a strong quest for the authentic experience of being a Jew. The thousands of people visiting Israel are but a manifestation of this. Many adult study groups again convey the urgency of looking for our Jewish identity.

Do we honestly think that a few well-publicized lectures can satisfy the hunger for knowledge?

Let us not spin wheels of delusion that fund raising automatically makes one a better informed Jew. Such answers are most ephemeral and we are left with the question, but more extensive and insistent.

Life is a never-ending series of the answers of yesterday becoming the recurring questions of today. We should therefore cultivate an open mind and not rest on the laurels of the past. No matter what dalim and rashim, poor and needy, ready for the new frontier of opportunity.

A rainy spell combined with a lot of hot weather brought an abundance of weeds to a man's garden. He had spend most of the day cutting them down and rooting them out. His wife remonstrated with him: "You're missing a gorgeous sunset. Forget your work for a while and enjoy it."

Without looking up, he replied: "That sun will be there again tomorrow but by gosh, if I can help it these won't."

We can only uproot the weeds threatening our gardens of life if we engage in a constant process of examining our answers and see how relevant they are to the present.

Selichot summons us to be alert and to be able to supply the new answers based upon our experience and maturity.

A g'mar chatima tova to all.

Foreskins used as bandages

EAST ORANGE, NJ (JTA) —

Traditionally discarded by mohelim after a brit milah — ritual circumcision — infant foreskins may be put to use as "living bandages," according to The Jewish News.

Dr. Tania Phillips, a fellow in dermatology at Boston University School of Medicine, has been researching a technique whereby cells from infant foreskins are cultured in a process that allows the cells to reproduce, creating a skin patch used to stimulate the healing of wounds. The translucent, jelly-like "bandages" are stapled to a gauze pad and placed on the wound.

Phillips said she is not completely certain how the bandage works. "We think it stimulates a patient's older cells to start growing again," she said.

The procedure is acceptable under halacha, or Jewish law, according to Rabbi Moses Tendler, a professor of biology, Talmudic law and medical ethics at New York's Yeshiva University. He said he sees no reason why mohelim could not provide hospitals with the otherwise discarded foreskins, adding, "If there's any real utility for mankind, it would be a mitzvah to cooperate."

Phillips said she can't predict when the living bandages will be available for widespread use. Presently the research is just at the Boston University hospital level, and the technique will eventually have to gain the approval of the Food and Drug Administration.

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Assault on the senses

Walk on Old City ramparts offers unique view

By
ARYEH LOUV

JERUSALEM —

Walking through the narrow alleys of Jerusalem's Old City is an exhilarating experience that makes your five senses work overtime.

Your eyes are accosted by the ancient buildings, the wares in the bazaar, the clergy in their multifarious garments and the local population whose garb is even more variegated.

Your ears are assaulted by church bells, muezzin calls to prayer, donkey drivers' shouting their warnings and snatches of conversation in scores of different languages.

You can feast your tastebuds on exotic foods, fill your nostrils with their smell and finger articles made of olive wood, Hebron glass, Armenian pottery, sheepskin and embroidered cloth stacked and hung in and outside the shops in unbelievable profusion.

It is now possible to ascend above this maelstrom of activity and look down upon it as the attackers (or defenders) of the city used to do. Part of the ramparts surrounding the Old City have been opened up on top, fitted with stairs and railings, and it is now possible to take a stroll behind the crenellations and gun slits built by the Turks.

From this vantage point you can look in all directions. You can imagine yourself to be an attacker and look down on the domed houses and unexpected vegetable plots, and then switch roles, do an about-face and take up the defence of the city, looking out over the newer sections and the surrounding hills, as far as the mountains of Moab on the other side of the Dead Sea.

The walls and six of the seven gates used today were built in the 16th century by the Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent, and whatever else he may have done to justify his monicker, the walls are ample reason to deserve it. Whether you start or finish your walk at Damascus Gate, you should have a good look at this mighty edifice from outside the walls.

The gate itself is flanked by two mighty towers, and the little turrets atop the crenellations are a wedding cake addition to the otherwise massive structure.

Just above ground level, off to the left, is part of the Roman gate. Passing through Suleiman's gate, you make two right-angle turns, originally meant to hold up the invading enemy.

Jaffa Gate, which was less of a favorite of invaders, has only one turn. Today even this can be bypassed, for which doubtful thanks are due to Kaiser Wilhelm II. Visiting Jerusalem in 1898, the kaiser was faced with the apalling fact that he and his entourage, on horses and in carriages, could not negotiate the turn inside the gate-house.

The Turkish rulers assuaged his disappointment by removing a piece of Suleiman's wall, and the hole remains till this day in the form of the New Gate.

One peril Wilhelm escaped in this way was having boiling oil poured on him through openings made for this purpose just above the passage way in the gate. They are also present in Damascus Gate, and through them you can glimpse the crowds below, having checked your oil with the ticket seller at the stairs.

The tickets, at time of writing, cost about half a dollar, and they provide half an hour of fun if you keep walking, but the walls are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and you can linger as long as you like to take in the views.

The various panoramas are explained through maps, and there are multilingual signs indicating interesting sights. Children between the ages of 6 and 12 are admitted but they have to be accompanied by adults.

The East Jerusalem Development Co. will ultimately make all or most of the city walls accessible. This public body cooperates with the Jerusalem Municipality in a big face-lift of the walls and their surroundings.

Already rubble and shacks that had accumulated before the reunification of the city in 1967 have given way to gardens and walks from which visitors and Jerusalemites can enjoy the beauty of the limestone ramparts.

The company is also responsible for the metamorphosis of the hitherto non-descript approach to Damascus Gate, which is used by thousands of pedestrians every day.

They now reach the gate by way of an amphitheatre-like arrangment of steps past a fountain. The steps are also a resting place for visitors and a vantage point from which to observe the stream of humanity going through the historic gate.

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Selichot prayers recited around the world

Repentance focus of Jewish thought at holidays

By
DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS)

It is midnight in Jerusalem on the Sunday night before Rosh Hashanah. The streets are quiet, for public transport has already stopped. It is cold . . . the stars are out, but the summer is over. Not everyone sleeps, for throughout the city groups of people are quietly entering the synagogues — it is the first night of saying Selichot or Penitential prayers.

These are Ashkenazi Jews and their counterparts all over the world are doing the same thing. Sephardi Jews began reciting Selichot on the first day of the Hebrew month of Elul, and continue for 40 days until the Day of Atonement.

The word selichah means forgiveness, and in its plural form it refers to a special order of prayers recited on all fast days and occasions when one desires a special kind of intercession. Selichot are comprised of poems read in the synagogue which are known as piyyutim.

The binding of Isaac (the Akedah) is the central theme as Abraham prayed that God should mercifully recall his binding of Isaac whenever the children of Israel give way to transgressions and evil deeds. His willingness to obey God's command, even when he thought it meant sacrificing his son, is accounted the most selfless and meritorious deed in our tradition.

The first mention of the Selichot prayers occurs in Tanna de-Vei Eliyahu Zuta: 23: "David knew that the Temple was destined to be destroyed and that the sacrificial system would be abolished as a result of Israel's sins, and David was distressed for Israel. How would they atone?

"And God said: 'when troubles came upon Israel because of their iniquities, let them stand together before Me as one band and confess their sins and recite before Me the order of Selichot and I will answer them.' "

Thus it is suggested that the penitential prayers became a substitute for animal sacrifice which was used as a means of expressing repentance in the time of the Temple.

Only in the 9th century CE is an order of Selichot found in the Seder of Reb Amram. Many piyyutim were later added by such Torah luminaries as Saadyah Gaon, Gershom b. Judah, Rashi and Solomon ibn Gabirol. After the midnight prayers on the first night, Selichot are recited early each day before the morning prayer.

Repentance is the main focus of Jewish thought at this time of year. The Jewish New Year does in no way resemble its Gentile counterpart, which is a time of revelry. On the contrary, it is a time of deep introspective and a special period when we have the opportunity to repent before we are judged by the Almighty on Yom Kippur.

The Talmud states: "Great is repentance for it brings healing to the world." God does not expect humans to be perfect and, in fact, the Gerer Rabbi wrote: "A sinner who becomes a sincere penitent receives credit for his transgressions as if they had been transferred into virtues by repentance."

Another Rosh Hashanah ritual, the origins of which are uncertain, is that of Tashlich, performed by Jews on the afternoon of the first day of the New Year. It is believed to be based on the prophet Micah (7:19) who wrote: "And thou wilt cast all thy sins into the depths of the sea." Out of this arose a ceremony in which Jews go to a place with running water — the sea, a river, or — in the case of Jerusalem — it is usually just a well. There the verse from Micah is recited along with other hymns and prayers.

In the suburb of Kiryat Moshe where I live in Jerusalem, there is a well in the garden of a large house that is covered all the year round. On Rosh Hashanah, however, the owners not only welcome all the local Jews to come and pray Tashlich there, but one of their children offers everyone sweets as they leave, turning it into quite a festive and social occasion.

It is also the custom at Tashlich to shake out one's pockets and toss the crumbs into the water, either as a means of transferring your sins to the fish, or perhaps to bear out a Talmudic saying that the cleanliness of garments is a sign of moral purity.

There are several interpretations of this ritual. One is that the fish in the river whose eyes never close are a reminder of God's ever watchful eyes, which are always open to look on His creatures in mercy. Another explanation is that it is a reminder of the Midrashic tale of Abraham's refusal to be deterred from his mission to sacrifice Isaac even after Satan transformed himself into a brook to obstruct his path.

Yet another explanation is that Tashlich is a tribute to God, to Whose work of creation (which began on Rosh Hashanah) fish were the first witnesses.

It was the custom of Jews from Kurdistan to actually enter the water, and the Kabbalists added mystical quotes from the Zohar to the Tashlich service.

Although prayers are concentrated during the Days of Awe — the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — they are part of our obligation at all times.

Reb Nahman of Bratslav expressed it with great beauty: "Every word of your prayer is like a rose which you pick from its bush. You continue until you have formed a bouquet of blessings, until you have plaited a wreath of glory for the Lord."

Modern replicas of a lottery box with its two lots, one open, with the word l'Azazel and one closed, with the holy name of God. The lots were used to choose which goat would be sent into the wilderness of Azazel, symbolically carrying the sins of Israel with him.

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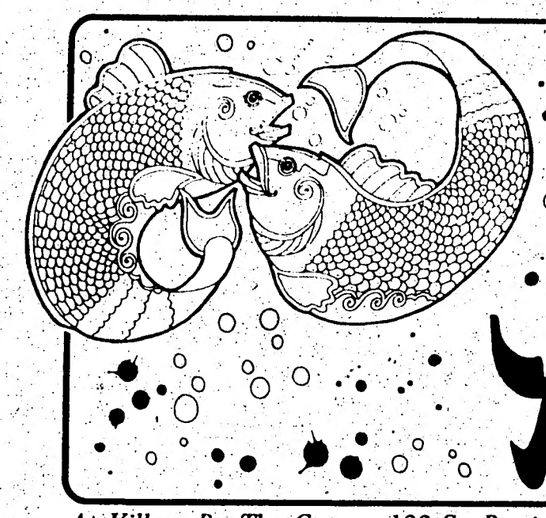

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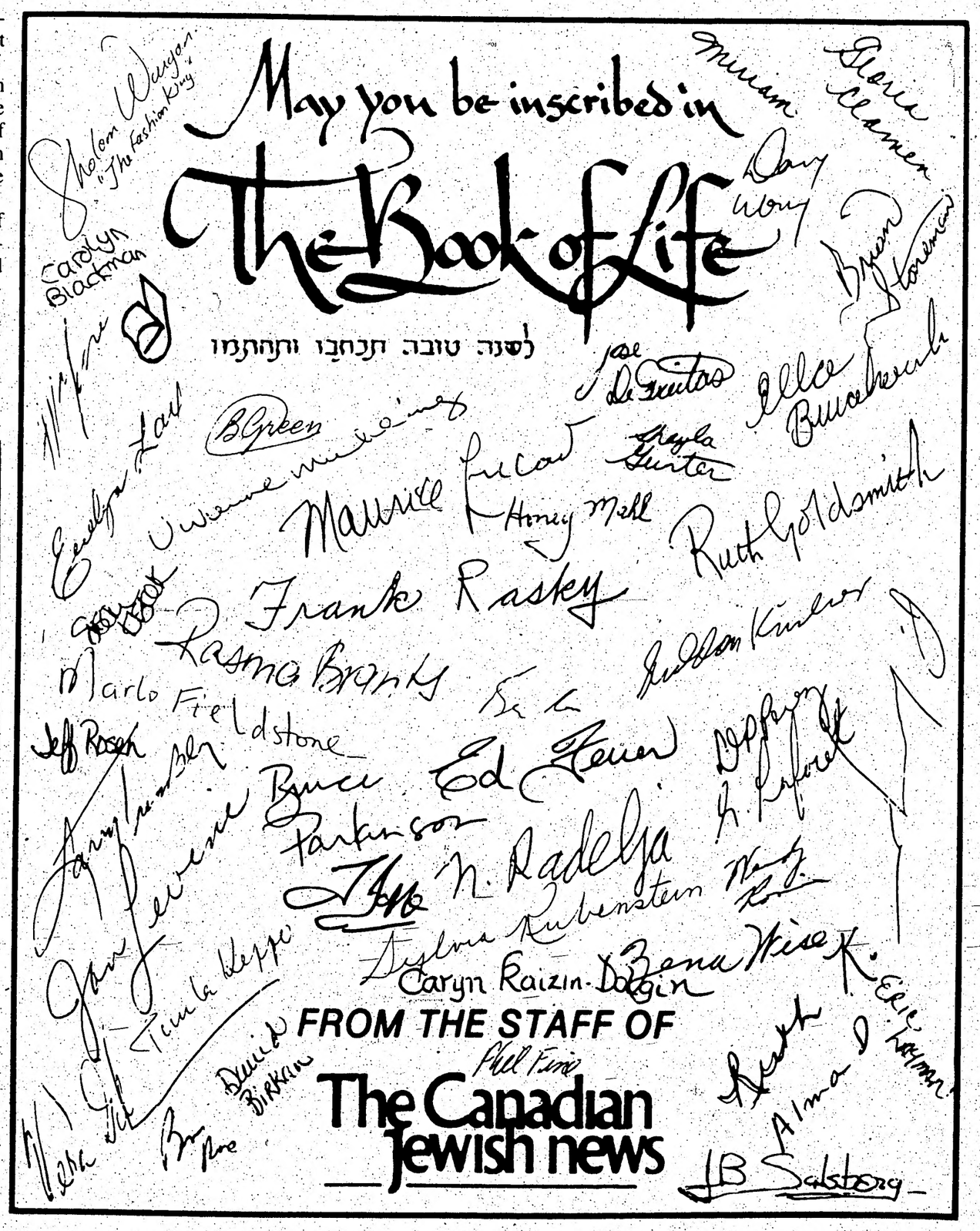

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Seen as threat to community

New Age ideas said to conflict with Judaism

NEW YORK (JTA) — Channeling, meditation, holistic medicine, crystals, UFOs, personal growth — all are a part of the New Age movement, a phenomenon that has swept the country.

Although not exactly a cult or a missionary group, New Age was the topic of a conference sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council Task Force on Missionaries and Cults recently at the UJA-Federation building in Manhattan.

Most speakers at the conference spoke of New Age as a threat to the Jewish community because of the Jewish souls that are being lost to this movement, whose fundamental ideas and approaches to finding spiritual fulfilment conflict with those of Judaism.

"Sometimes we look out into the world, and people are telling us it's a journey of technique to reach heaven. In reality, it's a journey of a lifetime," said Rabbi Yehuda Fine, director of the Jewish Family Institute.

A lawyer, Herbert Rosedale, said that although these groups are not overtly labeled as religious, they do lead to "an erosion of professionalism and individual rights" because of their "irrational approaches," and this use of "psychologists who aren't psychologists and doctors who aren't doctors.

"This is a problem the Jewish community will continue to face. It is not a passing fancy. It is just the beginning."

Others spoke of Jewish alternatives to New Age practices, like Rabbi Robert Kaplan, assistant director of B'nai B'rith Hillel/Jewish Association of College Youth, who spoke on Jewish meditation.

Kaplan said meditation is an intrinsic part of Judaism. However, this method of relaxation can be abused when it becomes self-hypnosis, as Dr. Arnold Markowitz, a member of the Board of Family and Children's Services, explained.

Markowitz spoke of an extreme program of meditation called "21-21," which consists of 21 days of meditation for 21 hours a day. He said that abuses of meditation such as this reduce brain activity and alertness, and have, in some cases, resulted in hospitalization.

Fine presented a list of "Things to Watch For" that he suggested may prevent some conference participants from becoming involved with any New Age groups.

These included taboo topics and organizational secrets; a place where everyone is around all the time, where no one graduates; people and leaders who seem too good to be true; and an assembly line approach to dealing with people.

"We're more complex than that," said Fine. "The answer has to be beyond feeling and sounding good. It has to make sense. It has to connect up to our heads."

Quoted Talmud story

"There are no easy answers to grow," he continued. "Most of these people end up empty and alone. It's like spending your whole life eating a bunch of sugar-coated lollipops."

Fine quoted a story from the Talmud of four rabbis who went into a group to learn. One died, one became a heretic, one a non-believer, but Rabbi Akiva came out unchanged. "He came out okay because he had a wife and children," explained Fine. "He went in in peace, and came out in peace."

"The Jewish way is the middle way. There are extremes in the world, and a person can get so involved in running to the right or the left that he can't see where he's going anymore," added Fine.

Rabbi Shlomo Majesky, principal of Machon Chanah Women's Seminary, spoke out about the dangers of the New Age obsession with the self — what he called "the ego." He said that the obsession with the ego leads to all other bad traits, such as selfishness, jealousy and depression.

"There is something deeper than the ego," he continued. "The real me is the Godliness within me. God equals the essence of truth. That's my purpose in life," he explained. "The preventive medicine in this case is to educate the Jewish people about Judaism. Let my people know."

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Martin Buber Institute at Hebrew U

Ulpan tries to promote coexistence

By
YAACOV BAR-NATAN

Students at Jerusalem's Martin Buber Institute on the Hebrew University campus.

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Kalman Yaron was worried as the new trimester of his Hebrew-Arabic ulpan opened. He feared that this time, Palestinian students would not turn up for the Hebrew classes, due to the riots in the territories and the curfews, searches, road blocks and other measures adopted by the Israeli army and police.

"In these times it is not always easy for an Arab to make his way from Ramallah or Bethlehem after dark, at 6 in the evening, to Jerusalem," Yaron explained. "Yet over 200 came from Hebron alone. There has been virtually no drop in enrollment of Arabs, and the number of Jews is increasing."

Yaron is director of the Martin Buber Institute at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The Hebrew-Arabic ulpan, which has just celebrated its 20th anniversary, was set up after the Six Day War by Yaron and Mother Aline, head of the Ecce Homo convent of the Sisters of Sion in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Yaron hoped that a Catholic convent run by French nuns would be seen by Arabs — Moslem and Christian alike — as neutral ground where they could come to study Hebrew without compromising themselves, and he proved to be right. The news of the language school in the Via Dolorosa spread like wildlife through the Old City.

The convent was soon packed with Arabs from East Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, as well as foreign residents and Christian clergy of all denominations, anxious to learn the two Semitic languages. Within a year, 400 Jews and Arabs were attending.

"The Jews came mostly for ideological reasons," Yaron recalls. "They wished to be able to communicate with Arabs, to understand Arab culture, to forge friendships with Arabs. The Arabs were more pragmatic. They felt they needed Hebrew to be able to deal with the Israeli authorities on a more advantageous footing, to improve their job opportunities or to engage in commerce with Israelis."

The Jewish students are predominantly university graduates. The Arabs include manual workers as well as intellectuals.

At the suggestion of Aline, a tea break was introduced, so that Jewish and Arab students could get to know each other. This led to other forms of social activity, folklore evenings, a workshop in graphic and plastic arts, and study sessions on subjects of interest to both sides. There were bus trips to the Dead Sea, the Red Sea, to Arab towns and to kibbutzim.

Mother Aline appointed Sister Rose Theresa Sant, herself one of the first students in the Hebrew course, to organize the extracurricular activities. Rose Therese is still doing the job today.

Mother Aline was dedicated to correcting the historic injustice of Christianity towards the Jews and to promoting Jewish-Arab reconciliation. She encountered severe criticism in the Catholic Church and even in her own order, the Sisters of Sion, for allowing the Hebrew-Arabic ulpan to operate in the convent.

Palestinian Christian circles in Rome complained to Laurice, mother-general of the order, that the Sisters in Jerusalem had now repudiated Palestinian interests and were supporting the Israel occupation. Aline retorted that she was helping the Palestinians to cope with their new situation.

Aline was replaced as mother-superior, and died in 1971 of a heart attack at the age of 60. The ulpan had grown too large for the premises; so in 1972-3 it moved to the new Martin Buber Institute at the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University.

Says Rose Therese, "We have had Palestinians who did not take part in any of the extracurricular activities at first. When I asked them why they wanted to learn Hebrew they would reply: to be able to fight my enemy better. They did not attend the tea-breaks, so as not to have to talk to Israelis. By the end of the trimester, they would be asking me how to organize bus trips to kibbutzim.

"They still demand self-determination, but they are much more objective about the conflict," Rose Therese says. It is significant that most of the Arab participants in the last two courses asked for a Jewish teacher, rather than an Israeli Arab. They didn't want any translation into Arabic.

"Most of those who come to the course are tired of the present violence. Some say the great powers ought to step in and provide a solution. Most of our students say they do not agree with rioting as a method."

Kalman Yaron insists that the teachers never use propaganda or indoctrination. "Anything that smacks of the patronizing, we avoid like the plague," he says. "Our approach is to respect the individual and his culture."

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Win international award

BGU biological psychiatrists make a few advances

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
The advances made by biological psychiatrists conducting research at Ben-Gurion University in Israel was one of the unspoken yet visible realities at a recent annual international seminar here of the Society of Biological Psychiatry.

Two BGU researchers, the husband and wife team of Drs. Gabriel Schreiber and Sofia Avissar, garnered the society's most prestigious international award, the A. F. Bennett Award, for their findings on how lithium works at the molecular level in treating manic depression.

Two other BGU researchers attending the conference, Dr. Chaim Belmaker and Dr. Yosef Zohar, were previous winners of the award.

Belmaker this year also became the first Israeli to be named a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. The association's convention followed the SBP conference.

Belmaker, an American oleh, noted with considerable pride the significance of having four BGU professors and researchers win the Bennett Award.

Schreiber and his wife blushed when asked how they felt about winning the accolade, but Belmaker didn't hesitate to comment with buttons bursting that "it's as if the university has ownership of it."

The accomplishment took on added significance in another context.

Belmaker said that modern concepts of psycho-pharmacology in Israel — which means how drugs can be used to treat psychiatric disorders — didn't start to catch up with the rest of the westernized world until about 15 years ago.

One reason he puts forward is that psychiatry in Israel from the 30s on, was dominated by a Freudian 'analytical school of therapy, by immigrant psychiatrists coming mostly from Europe.

Belmaker, who is credited with pioneering the development of biological psychiatry in Israel, said there still exists a "strong school of thought" opposing the biological approach.

Yet it's hard to argue with the gains that have been achieved at BGU.

The Schreibers, who conducted their research at BGU's Ida and Solomon Stern Psychiatric Research Unit in the Beersheba Mental Health Centre, found out how lithium, the earth's lightest metal, manages to alleviate both the manic and depressive phases of manic depression.

In layman's terms, the researchers showed for the first time that lithium directly affects the function of the G protein, an important post-receptor in the brain and an "information junction."

The potential of the discovery, they feel, will be the ability to seek other options to lithium therapy. Although the drug is effective in treating about 80% of manic cases, lithium also occasionally induces diabetes and hypothyroidism.

Avissar devised a simple test that can screen new artificial compounds to see how they mimic the activity of lithium at a molecular level.

Israel is a logical testing ground in manic depression since Jews seem to suffer at twice the average rate. Belmaker said "either we're genetically more predisposed or, for good or bad, we're predisposed to be an emotional people."

The holder of the only endowed chair in psychiatry in Israel — the Hoffer-Vickar Chair at BGU — Belmaker, and his colleagues, are also anxious to discover why 20% of manic depressives are not helped by lithium, something of a miracle drug in psychiatric circles.

Crucial to their future endeavors is locating where exactly the G protein "binds," and why lithium actually has so few side effects considering its toxic potential.

Some of the most exciting progress in biological psychiatry has been in the treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder, Zohar's area of expertise.

Zohar received his Bennett award for pioneering the biological approach in treating the condition, which compels sufferers to repeat behavior — such as showering many times in one day — to the point where it interferes with life and well-being.

Zohar's contribution was explaining the mechanics of clomipramine compound in the body. It was discovered that obsessional behavior can be induced and alleviated chemically.

Before the drug approach was initiated seven years ago, there was virtually no treatment for o/c disorder, since cognitive therapy proved futile in 90% of the cases. As a result of the research, BGU set up Israel's first o/c clinic with a heartening success rate.

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One of Israel's most popular attractions

Diaspora Museum celebrates 10th anniversary

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM(WZPS) — This is the 10th year since the opening of Beit Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, a museum that has become one of Israel's most popular attractions and a major resource centre for Israel-Diaspora studies.

Eliezer Shmueli, the recently appointed director-general of the Diaspora Museum, says, "the exhibits are intended to excite and stimulate sentiments. Our seminars then provide a forum in which visitors can discuss what they have seen and address important issues such as Jewish identity."

The museum also has a visual archives containing an unparalleled collection of photographs, film and photo-documents about the Diaspora and has come to represent one of the most important bridges between Israel and the Diaspora.

It teaches Israelis about the life and culture of different Jewish communities in the Diaspora, while Jewish visitors from abroad have their identity reinforced and learn of the historical persecution that led to the birth of Zionism.

The Diaspora Museum is considered by many as one of the most influential museums in the world. This is because, unlike other museums, the Diaspora Museum has not set out to display original or rare items. The "raison d'etre" of the museum is to tell the story of the Disapora, so when exhibits were needed, copies of the original objects (e.g. models of synagogues) were commissioned.

For this reason it took almost 20 years from when the museum was conceived in 1950 by Nahum Goldmann, then president of the World Jewish Congress, until it was opened on the edge of the Tel Aviv University campus.

The organization of the museum was the idea of the late Hebrew poet Abba Kovner. He took a thematic approach to the task so that the exhibits are arranged according to themes which apply to every Jewish community in the Diaspora: family, community, faith, culture, among the nations (devoted to relations with the non-Jewish environment), and the return (centred on the return to Israel as a factor in Diaspora life).

To Eliezer Shmueli, who served for a decade as director-general of the ministry of education, the notion of Jewish unity is dear to his heart: "The Diaspora Museum clearly shows that the Jewish people is one people," he asserts.

"Jews in America and the Yemen in the 19th century may have lived very differently, but to both communities the Torah, a brit, a bar mitzvah, the Pesach seder and hundreds of other rituals and rites were traditions that were held in common."

The museum has taken maximum advantage of the latest technological developments and, for a small fee, a computer is available, capable of printing out the genealogical histories of tens of thousands of family names.

The museum also houses a "Chronosphere," a hall resembling a planetarium on whose dome and walls a half-hour audio-visual display on Jewish world history is presented by some 35 synchronized projectors. Four areas have been installed in which short documentary films on a variety of topics can be selected by the visitor from a catalogue, and viewed on TV-size screens.

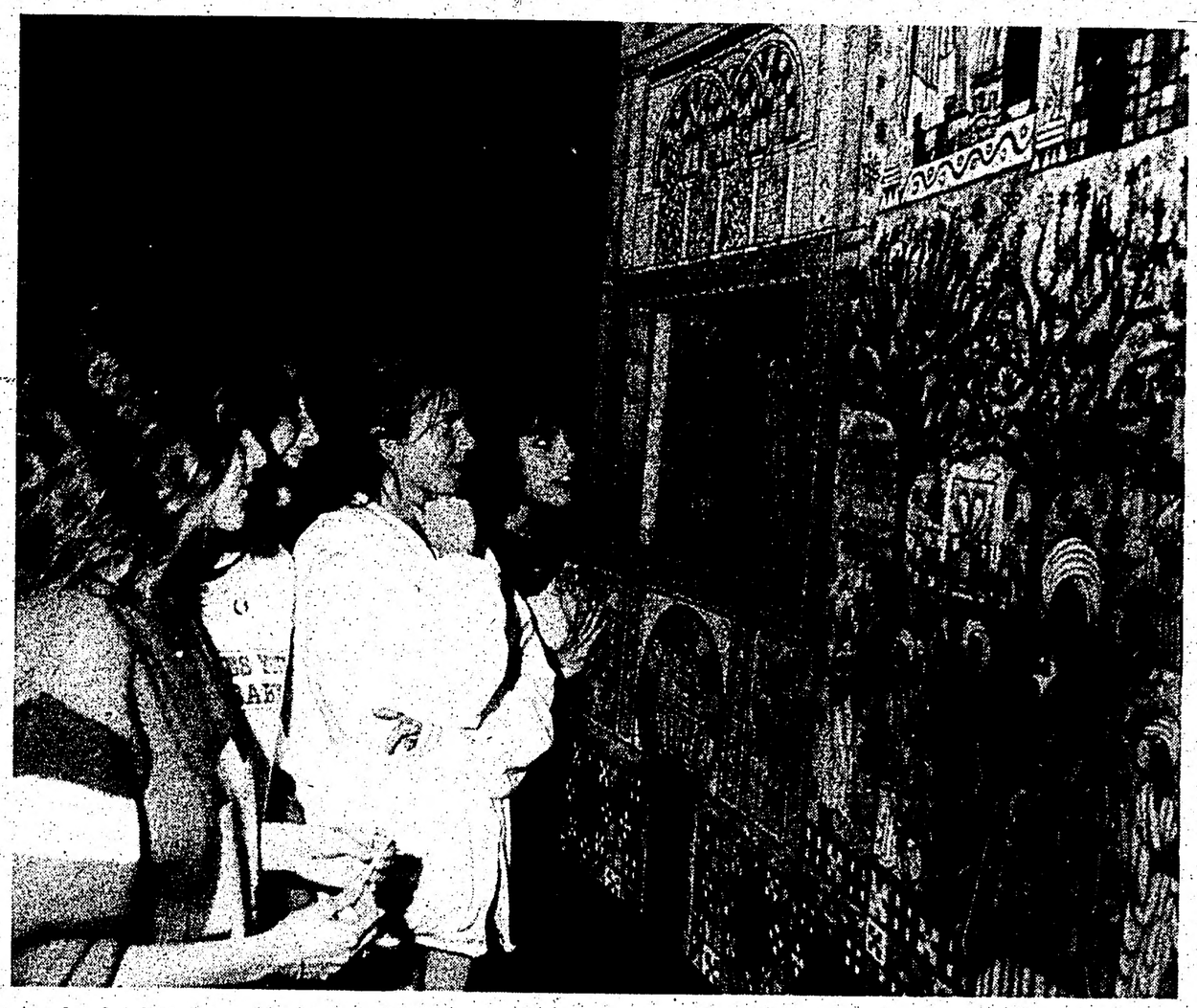
There are also temporary exhibitions about specific communities, often commissioned and financed by the communities themselves. These exhibitions are then sent abroad. During the past year the museum had a photographic exhibition about English Jewry on show in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, while an exhibition about Hungarian Jewry was sent to Budapest.

Although 10 years old and an established institution, the Diaspora Museum has major expansion plans. A new wing is currently being built of equal size to the existing building, which, upon its completion next year, will contain an exhibition of Diaspora achievements over the past 200 years as well as seminar and teaching facilities.

The contents of the exhibition are currently being determined by the management committee and they will follow the thematic format of the existing exhibition, showing the Jewish contribution to specific areas of endeavor like the arts and politics.

Shmueli also hopes to add a new dimension to the Museum by collaborating with Tel Aviv University in developing higher education curricula about the Diaspora.

Despite 10 years of remarkable achievement, the Diaspora Museum is clearly not resting on its laurels.



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Dictionary illustrious new addition

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
A riddle: What orphan at birth has made an illustrious duo a trio?

The answer is late Rabbi Ernest Klein's *Etymological Dictionary of the Hebrew Language* (Collier MacMillan), finally in print five years after his death. It ranks with and complements Marcus Jastrow's *Dictionary of the Targumim and Talmud*, published 1905, and the *Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament* by F. Brown, S. R. Driver, and C. A. Briggs, published about 1910. The scope, erudition, and singularity of Klein's work make it a fit companion.

Of the three, Klein's work includes modern Hebrew words and terminology, and for these it is irreplaceable. Students as well as scholars will find much of immediate value.

The work is both a little more and a little less than this reader expected.

This volume of 725 triple-column pages echoes a fair number of entries from Klein's earlier *Comprehensive Etymological Dictionary of the English Language*. For example, the modern Hebrew word for geometry, *geometria*, is immediately associated with its Greek source, which is then broken down into *geo*, relating to earth, and *metrein*, to measure. For someone who does not have the English etymology dictionary, the borrowings may represent a plus. Others may regard the extensive attention paid to European rather than Hebrew etymological lineages as a little disappointing.

Word followed by meaning

Compared to the Talmud dictionary and the lexicon, the entries on strictly Hebrew words are basic, perhaps minimal. A word is followed by its meaning(s); and associated Semitic words, if any, are noted. Except for the latter, the feel is of a Hebrew-English dictionary.

Details, associations, and nuances make entries in Brown's lexicon virtual symphonies. Those in Jastrow are striking evocations of Holy Land life some 2,000 years ago.

The approximate time at which a word entered the Hebrew language is often not as consistently or clearly specified in Klein as it is in Israel's multi-volume Even-Shushan Hebrew dictionary. First published several decades ago, Even-Shushan notes every word's entry into the language through an asterisk system repeated on every page and through the word's use in representative sentences.

One unforgivable editing slip is the absence of any explanation for the asterisk symbol attached to Indo-European word roots. The *Concise Oxford Dictionary* uses the symbol to denote word roots — never seen written or heard spoken — to suggest origins according to current theory. The roots are made up, retroconstructed; not explaining this, however minimally, bestows unwarranted legitimacy on them. For a man who came in his later years to find Hebrew or Semitic sources for European-developed English words, this is a posthumous slap in the face.

Editing process rough

But then the book is an orphan, the Hungarian-born Holocaust survivor dying after delivering for publication not a manuscript but cartons of indexed file cards.

Despite the best of intentions, the editing process was rough and drawn out. It was conducted in Israel, thousands of miles from its closest living relative, Toronto godparent Beatrice Minden. Her foundation paid for its publication in memory of her late husband Arthur, a devotee of Klein's. That a comprehensive volume of such scope came to see the light of day under these circumstances is remarkable. But so are other aspects of the book and its author.

• In virtual seclusion, Klein kept abreast of the latest developments in Hebrew and others of the dozens of languages he knew well. "He spoke a flawless Hebrew to the point of annoyance," recalls former Associated Hebrew Schools principal Jack Burke, another devotee. Klein was a consultant to the Hebrew University.

• International recognition came in the form of letters and awards, yet "few people came to see him," said Burke. "A small synagogue, Beit Yitzhak, that was built for him on Brooke St. failed to attract expected congregants from the Hungarian community. At his funeral, there were at the most 25 people."

• Despite Klein's late interest in uncovering Hebrew roots — "Wine comes from the Hebrew yayin, and taurus from the Hebrew shor and Aramaic tor,' he told me," said Burke — the dictionary is replete with Indo-European.

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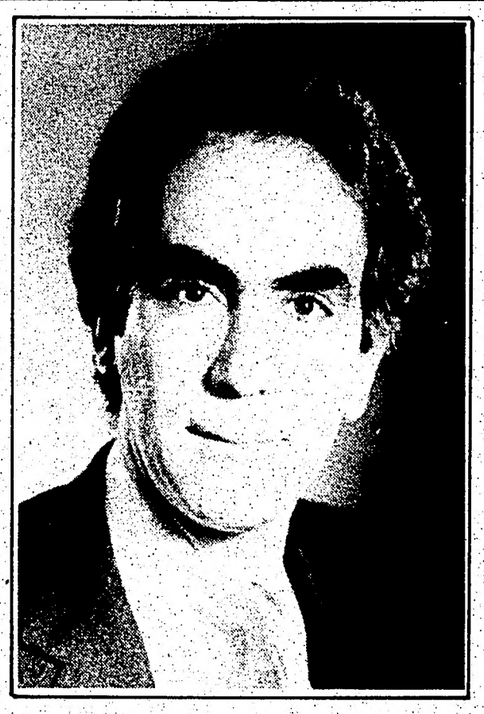
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Able to compete with industrial giants

Israel R & D produces hi-technolgy revolution

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

To be able to compete with the industrial giants in high technology is a surprising achievement for a tiny Middle Eastern country with only 40 years of statehood behind it.

Israel today has more scientists engaged in research and development on a per capita basis than any other country. The portion of the gross national product earmarked for R&D is also one of the highest of any industrialized nation. Moreover, no other country (again on a per capita basis) publishes as many scientific papers or graduates as many Masters and Doctoral students in a year as Israel.

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Police forces in many countries no longer have to risk the lives of their men to dismantle bombs now that Israeli-made robots do the job.

Science-based exports like these now account for a third of Israel's overseas sales — and the figure is rising every year. If high technology provides a major boost to the Israeli economy, it was a much more basic motivation that initially drew Israel into this highly competitive field — dire necessity.

In the case of defence, for example, it was the suddenly imposed French boycott of arms to Israel in 1967 that made dangerously clear to Israel the necessity of developing its own aircraft and sophisticated weaponry. The result was Israel Aircraft Industries' Kfir fighter plane, the Gabriel sea missile and a host of other state-of-the-art weapons. A consequence of this has been a lucrative arms export industry.

Fortunately, there have been spinoffs in civilian fields as well. Israeli robots, designed to defuse bombs, have been adapted to help prevent industrial accidents in chemical plants and nuclear reactors. And Israel's state-of-the-art computerized tractor, the Merhava, is indebted to the country's Merhava battle tank for much of its design — a feat that would seem to fulfill the biblical prophesy "beating the swords into plowshares."

Necessity again proved to be the mother of invention in the important fields of energy and water management. The country's meager annual rainfall has not discouraged Israeli scientists who have given a new meaning to the old adage "every cloud has a silver lining."

Using crop-dusting planes, they seed clouds with silver iodine crystals, causing them to produce up to 15% more rain than they would normally. (Israel's neighbors, especially Jordan, have also benefitted from this meteorological meddling.)

A lack of fossil fuels has spurred Israel's quest for alternative energy. This has resulted in efforts to extract oil from shale stone and to even less conventional ideas, such as the method one kibbutz has developed to produce energy by burning cottonseed hulls.

Perhaps the one natural resource that Israel does have in abundance, aside from its people, is its sunshine. The country is blessed with an average of 300 sunny days a year. It is in tapping this source that Israel has made its most notable mark in the quest for alternative energies.

Israelis today are the world's No. 1 consumer of solar energy. Aside from the more conventional uses of solar energy, such as heating homes and water, Israeli scientists have devised sophisticated technologies which draw on the sun for a multitude of purposes from recycling waste paper to driving turbine engines and even killing plant-damaging bacteria.

David Meridor, president of Laser Industries, Tel Aviv, with an experimental medical laser which will be used mainly for eye operations.

Moreover, the benefits of these Israeli-pioneered technologies are being felt far and wide. In California alone, in addition to Ormat, another Israeli leader in the field, Luz, was recently awarded the California Energy Prize for the 13.8 megawatt solar energy plant it built in that state. Altogether there are over 100 Israeli companies that design solar energy systems and several dozen countries that purchase them.

The classic dream of every Jewish mother, to have her son become a doctor, comes close to fruition in Israel, which claims the highest number of physicians per capita of any country (277 per 10,000), compared with 177 in the United States). This abundance of doctors, working in close conjunction with engineers and scientists, has helped establish Israel as a leader in several areas of medical technology, among them, laser surgery.

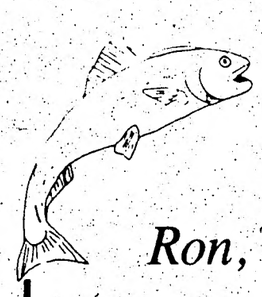
Using what is known as the "bloodless scalpel," Israeli doctors are pioneering daring surgical techniques and can use lasers to unblock clogged arteries, perform cardiac bypass surgery, weld severed nerves, and even restore fertility in many cases of male and female sterility.

Most of the equipment the doctors are using is also made in Israel, by Sharplan, whose carbon dioxide surgical lasers now supply 30% of the American market.

Israel is also a leader in medical imaging equipment. The Haifa-based company Elscint, produces CAT (computer assisted tomography) scanners that are used in major hospitals all over the world to provide three-dimensional images of the body's organs. As a result, doctors are able to locate tumors earlier and with greater precision.

It was not long ago that Israel was known as the country that made the desert bloom. But the country has proven that the success formula for both agriculture and high technology is really one and the same: when lacking natural resources, use natural resourcefulness.

It is this policy, more than any, that has brought Israel from Jaffa oranges to surgical lasers in 40 years.



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Volunteer braillist has helped many students

By
SHERYL HALPERN

MONTREAL —

Producing braille material for the blind — in six languages — is precise, demanding work. But Montreal volunteer Betty Brodie has been transcribing books and manuscripts into braille almost every day for 27 years now, and has no plans to stop. "If God spares me and leaves me my eyesight, I'll continue to do braille."

She doesn't know how many books, textbooks and papers she's done. "I work every single morning except Shabbat, so it must be hundreds of pages." She does remember some of them: the complete Haggadah in English and Hebrew braille, the abbreviated Five Books of Moses, the Talmud tractate Baba Kama.

She also remembers, very well, those she has helped. There was one blind boy who went through high school with her brailling. There were the three others who received their doctorates (she worked on their textbooks, even their theses.) There was a student in Israel (now a professor) and the French-Canadian who became co-ordinator for the handicapped at Concordia University's Loyola campus.

She's proud of the blind girl who went through high school, a bachelor's degree at Loyola, and the McGill MBA program with her braille transcriptions.

"When she was doing her MBA, I did a 600-page accounting book for her — and she led the class in the exam! She's now in Toronto, at the Bank of Montreal."

And she's pleased that she could help the American woman with the large family and big Passover seders who wanted to join her family in the prayers and rituals. "She wanted to be able to recite from the Haggadah — I transcribed it for her."

To do all this, she sits down at her braille typewriter, which has only six keys — three on either side of the space bar. It's not easy to use, for all that.

Braille, the system of writing and printing for the blind devised by Louis Braille in the 19th century, uses only six raised dots. But those dots can be arranged in 63 combinations — enough for the letters and vowels of many languages, numerals, even musical notes.

Brodie has a braille alphabet book for 10 languages, and knows how to type English, French, Hebrew, Latin, and Italian braille. Recently, she did a book in Spanish. She's not a linguist, just a quick study. "I don't speak Spanish or Italian. I study the alphabet of whatever foreign language I need, to get the hang of it, and then I get on with it." A page of Braille takes her five to 10 minutes in English, longer in the rest — and then she must proofread.

She works on volumes of Hebrew braille for the Jewish Braille Institute in New York City (which takes requests for texts from blind children and adults), and works in other languages for the school of the Montreal Association for the Blind.

Challenging though the work is, it's all unpaid. "I don't want any pay; the MAB once offered me a salaried position, but I refused. My reward is in myself."

Brodie decided to learn braille because of a letter from the mother of a blind Montreal boy to the JBI. The mother wanted the boy, her only son, to have a bar mitzvah. Thanks to braille texts sent by the JBI, he was able to learn his maftir and haftorah — "and recited such a beautiful bar mitzvah at the Shaare Zedek that there wasn't a dry eye in the synagogue." Brodie, then recording secretary for what is now the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, was moved — to action.

Though it was hard to find the time — her husband Maurice was ill then — she managed, in seven or eight months, to teach herself Braille in English and several other tongues. She wrote to the JBI, which began by sending her a braille list for Hebrew consonants and vowels.

Though an independent braillist, she did all her work under the aegis of her synagogue, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. She has received recognition for her efforts: the typewriter she uses was bought for her 20-odd years ago by the Shaar sisterhood, and she was the synagogue's 1981 Aishes Hayil (Woman of Valor), its highest honor for a community volunteer. She also has a letter of commendation for her skills and her "meticulous braille" from the MAB director-general, Dr. John Simms.

But she doesn't feel that she's done enough. She's still tireless in her efforts to help more blind people with braille, even contacting McGill and Concordia universities to offer her services. It frustrates her that, for example, few know that the Shaar Hashomayim library has a Shabbat siddur and prayerbooks for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in English and Hebrew braille.

Braille doesn't take up all of Brodie's time — she spent eight years as a Shaar Kosher Meals-on-Wheels helper, nine years as a volunteer at the Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital. She is on the board of the Canadian Technion Society, and was its Women's Division honoree last year. But it is, she admits, "near my heart."

She just finished brailling the exams for the blind students in the schools of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (she's done provincial exams in the past — in a locked room), and completed a Bible course textbook for a religious pupil.

For her, braille is more than a hobby. It's a vocation, one that takes, as she notes, not only skill but "dedication, interest and desire."

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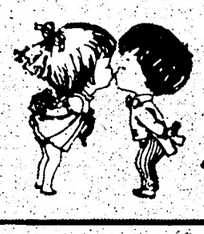

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Rapoport now regarded as a hero

Physician looks back on infamous "Doctors' Plot"

By
ROBERT SEGAL

BOSTON (JTA) —

Joseph Stalin expressed one view of anti-semitism in 1931 and then issued a contrasting opinion when Adolf Hitler cast his shadow over much of Europe.

"Anti-semitism is an extreme form of racial chauvinism, a dangerous survival of cannibalism," he said in 1931.

"Anti-semitism is dangerous for the workers as a false path leading them off the correct road and taking them into the jungle. Therefore communists, as consistent internationalists, cannot but be consistent enemies of anti-semitism."

Yet when much of the world grew horrified beholding Hitler's demoniac war against the Jews, neither the Soviet iron man nor any of his top associates expressed shock at the treatment of Jews by Hitler and his sycophantic storm-troopers.

At war's end, Stalin's own war against Soviet Jews started with a determination to belittle their stature, to exclude them from party membership, deny them educational opportunities, and to bar them from diplomatic service.

Survived prison ordeal

This harsh policy reached its climax on Jan. 13, 1953, when Pravda proclaimed the unmasking of Jewish doctors as "conspiratorial assassins of Soviet leaders."

In the orgy of arrests, imprisonment, and cruel treatment of eminent and indeed innocent medical men that followed, Pravda declared nine outstanding doctors had confessed murdering two SD Soviet leaders.

Among those victims of the infamous Soviet Doctors' Plot was one of Moscow's most skilful and respected pathologists, Dr. Yakov Rapoport.

Now 90, Rapoport has emerged as a hero in the news in Moscow. After patiently and quietly recording the false accusations, the prison ordeal and the nightmares during his incarceration over the years, Rapoport is now experiencing the thrill of knowing that caring Muscovites are reading his memoirs published in the monthly Druzhba Narodov.

The Doctors' Plot can be traced back to the end of 1952, when Lidia Timashuk, a radiologist in the Kremlin hospital and a secret agent of the KGB, claimed in a diabolical letter to Stalin that she had noticed eminent doctors employing wrong treatment methods.

Stalin took personal charge of the ensuing probe, telling his agents they would lose their heads if they failed to obtain confessions from the doctor "suspects." Stalin's servile "investigators" did their filthy work.

Eventually Pravda was able to report that eminent doctors had confessed to murdering two Soviet leaders and conspiring to murder three others. The doctors were branded foreign agents — after all, most of them worked for the Joint Distribution Committee.

By this time, Stalin's contempt for what he viewed as an international Jewish conspiracy had reached its acme. When he sneered at "cosmopolitanism," he was venting fierce hatred of Jews.

Anti-semitism had become an integral factor of official Communist policy, while the Zionist movement was seen as counter-revolutionary.

He had looked with jaundiced eye upon the marriage of his daughter, Svetlana, to a Jew and forced her to divorce him. Likewise, his son, Vasili, had to divorce his Jewish wife.

Stalin, in time, had journeyed from the days he had branded anti-semitism a dangerous survival of cannibalism. There have even been reports that he died in a paroxysm of anti-Jewish vituperation.

And what of the heinous Doctors' Plot? Stalin died on March 5, 1953. A scant 29 days later, Pravda revealed the sleazy fakery of their savage Doctors' Plot.

Not long ago, Mikhail Gorbachev made censorious mention of the Doctors' Plot as had Nikita Khrushchev in 1956.

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Archeological dig reveals past secrets

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

The undulating sand dunes along Israel's northern coastline look as if they are shielding secrets of the distant past — and indeed, when we took shovel in hand and began pecking away at the rolling mounds (with occasional help from a bulldozer) we did open a door into the fascinating history of the area.

For a week Nechama and I were members of the archeological crew, headed by Eilat Mazar of the Institute of Archeology of the Hebrew University. Earlier work had been done near the chosen site, and Mazar had a good idea what she was looking for. As members of the team of volunteer diggers (we paid for the privilege) working with the professional archeologists, we shoveled and scraped and spaded and scooped. We filled buckets of sand and passed them from hand to hand along our "chain gang," to form new dunes, as we exposed the hewn stones which were gradually revealed.

When the first stage of the work was completed, Mazar was able to make formal announcement of the discovery of a Phoenician tomb, dating back almost three millenia, to approximately the time of the reigns of King David and King Solomon.

It will be recalled that the Phoenician King, Hiram of Tyre, had had a close relationship with Solomon, and had sent some of his skilled workmen to Jerusalem to help with the building of the Temple. King Solomon's navy in the Red Sea, as described in the book of First Kings, undoubtedly was aided by the Phoenicians, who were the master seamen of the time.

Having visited many archeological sites, we had always wanted to take part in a dig, and leaped at the opportunity. Our camp site was a short distance from the dig. The facilities were primitive, but a short two-to-three minute walk from our straw hut brought us to running water and modern amenities. Cleanliness was not a major concern, for the sand was clean, and could easily be shaken out of our shoes and our hair. The food was more than ample for simple manual laborers like us.

wielding of scoops. A stone! Is it an isolated one, or is it attached to another, and then another? A wall? The implements are now whisk brooms, brushes, smaller brushes, even a toothbrush and a fine pointed paint brush. We were eager and willing pupils.

Not for us to seek to interpret the finds in the tomb, which had lain there undisturbed for almost 3,000 years. In due course Mazar will no doubt be publishing the results of her study. Our crew did fill hundreds of boxes with various items found — not least among them a ceramic head of a bull, which had been buried with the bones. There were also large numbers of worship objects, figurines and various ceramic utensils.

This tomb had apparently been in use for many years, with new bodies added as necessary. The final burial was of 18 men, women and children, all interred at the same time. There were no signs of violence. Results of a plague? The tomb was then sealed, the shifting sands took on their camouflage duties, and the vault, constructed of finely hewn ashlar stones, disappeared from view.

We had some excitement for a few days when black-coated religious zealots invaded our domain and began shouting that we were desecrating Jewish graves. "The Nazis made soap out of Jewish bones, and you are cannibals," one of them shouted at us repeatedly. One of the archeologists, speaking Hebrew with an obviously American accent, tried to reason with them, and we joined in as well, with our accent.

The reaction came without a moment's hesitation. "Go back to America where you came from!"

We thought of the Phoenician family, buried there on the hilltop overlooking the sea and their ancient town of Achziv. Perhaps one or more of these people had been to Jerusalem, as friendly Gentiles, following their own pagan ways, but cooperating with the Jewish kingdom. And here, three millenia later, these worshippers of the bull's head were being forcibly "converted" to Judaism.

But how did we feel about excavating a Phoenician grave? Eilat Mazar commented that the ties and influence of the Phoenicians upon Israel and Judah are etched into the history of the First Temple period. If that is so, we should welcome all research which will help cast light upon this remarkable people, and their role in the history of mankind at large.

Fine art to excavation

There is a fine art to archological excavation. In the early stages, the work is done on a broad scale, to locate the points of interest. Then, the indiscriminate use of shovels and hoes is replaced with studied

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Successful conductor/composer Aharon Harlap at his piano.

Composer/conductor finds success in Israel

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— When the Opera Theatre of Jerusalem performed its first piece in January, the man conducting the newly formed chamber opera was Winnipeg-born Aharon Harlap.

If today Harlap is stirring audiences with his baton, 20 years ago, he was stirring soup with a ladle — in the kitchen of a kibbutz. "at 22 I thought I could conquer the world," grins the successful conductor-composer. "But when I came here, I had to start from scratch."

After completing a year of studies at the Royal College of Music in London, the aspiring musician from Winnipeg had planned to return to Canada. "But I had a feeling that Israel was where I should be," he says, recalling how he then went to the Israeli embassy in London to inquire whether Israel needed musicians. "Sure, they need everybody," he told me.

"The minute I got off the boat I felt at home," he recalls. "I didn't speak a word of Hebrew, but I got by with my Yiddish." Why by boat? "Because it was cheaper," he laughs, "and I was broke."

A kibbutz seemed like a good place to start: the unpretentious lifestyle suited his personality — and budget.

At Kibbutz Ein Hashofet, Harlap was "adopted" by a family of musicians to rival the Von Trapps. "The father played the viola; the daughter, cello, and the mother sang," he recalls. In between his kitchen shifts, Harlap began to organize what has since become the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra.

"That's how I learned to compose and conduct."

Things are a bit different today. With the number of engagements he has, his kitchen work is limited to whipping up the occasional meal for four in the Jerusalem apartment where he lives with his wife and two young children.

The only kibbutz work he does nowadays is conducting the Kibbutz Artzi and Upper Galilee choirs and the kibbutz movement's Young Symphony orchestra.

In Jerusalem he leads the prestigious Reuben Academy's opera workshop, and most recently, he has become one of the co-founders of the Opera Theatre of Jerusalem.

Harlap has guest-conducted for Israel's finest orchestras, as well as for ones in South Africa, New York, Boston, and his hometown, Winnipeg. As a composer, he has won widespread recognition that includes an international prize for one of his works.

In his rented apartment in the Talpiot neighborhood of Jerusalem, wearing a baggy sweater and old corduroy jeans, Harlap looks more the kibbutznik than the prima donna artist.

"In my heart, I still feel like a kibbutznik," he admits. "That's why I feel so at home working with the kibbutz choirs. The people have a kind of simplicity. No frills. No pretensions."

But as a composer, Harlap found life on a kibbutz too insulated. He longed for the stimulation of a city. Jerusalem offers him that — and more.

"My most important compositions have been written here. There's something special about this city; something that enriches you."

His compositions reflect this. His works are infused with all the drama and pathos of the most epic chapters in Jewish, particularly biblical history. His repertoire, which has been performed in many different countries, includes works based on The Sacrifice of Isaac, If I forget Thee, O Jerusalem, Ecclesiastes, and a piece on the Holocaust that won an international prize.

"I was never what you'd call religious," he says. Brought up in a traditional Jewish home in Winnipeg, his father was a chazzan and a mohel. Harlap says that the death of his father, however, made him deeply religious. "I felt that through religion I could be close to my father — if not physically, then at least spiritually."

This spiritual dimension has enriched his music and his life, he says. A student of the Talmud, he adheres to the Rambam's philosophy of diversifying one's life.

"Most musicians spend their whole life studying scores. It's important for me, however, to do everything: to conduct and compose, but also to study religion, to be in touch with nature, and to spend time with my family. In Israel, I can lead a diversified, full life.

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Still unappreciated by North Americans

Dead Sea popular with Israeli, European visitors

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

To most North American visitors, the Dead Sea area is only a geographic curiosity, and very few spend any appreciable time there. European visitors, on the other hand, and wise Israelis, have discovered what the North Americans have not yet learned about a vacation down there, 1,300 feet below sea level, the lowest spot on Earth.

Much has been written about the therapeutic properties of the minerals in the Dead Sea, but you don't have to be sick to get the most out of a stay there. The high concentration of bromine, 70 times greater than in regular sea water, has a tranquilizing effect on the bather, relaxing tension and soothing the nerves. The magnesium content freshens the skin and provides a natural cosmetic treatment.

Thus it is that among the guests at the 5-star Moriah Dead Sea Spa Hotel one will find industrial executives, political leaders, or just ordinary worn-out businessmen and women, who come there to get their batteries recharged.

Guests who had previously frequented famous spas in central Europe told us that the Dead Sea was far superior to the others in many respects. For one thing, with sparse vegetation and no pollution, this is one of the cleanest environments in the world. Furthermore, the spirit here is Jewish and the food kosher.

For those who truly want a relaxing rest, in 5-star luxury, how much superior this is to an ocean cruise.

Many other guests at the Moriah, 60% Europeans and 40% Israelis, come there for treatment of various rheumatic/arthritic, dermatological or respiratory ailments. This is no Lourdes, but we did hear at least one account of a guest who hobbled in on crutches, and within two weeks was dancing at the bar. Perhaps she spent all her time in the sea itself, or in the sulphur pool, or packed in mud, or undergoing massages.

Of the growing number of hotels at the Dead Sea, the Moriah is the only one with a spa located directly on the beach. If it is true that King Solomon bathed in the hot springs, and Queen Cleopatra used the thermomineral springs on the Dead Sea shore, this is certainly the place they would have wished to stay at.

The resort is only a little more than an hour's drive from Jerusalem, and those seeking further historical atmosphere will find it at nearby Masada, Herod's palace, the oasis at Ein Gedi, the Qumram Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and Jericho.

Hitherto, no great effort has been made to attract North American guests. At the first fear of security problems, based on exaggerated press and TV reports, they are quick to cancel, Jacqueline Shilo, Moriah sales manager told us, and the policy is to diversify geographical representation of guests.

Yet North Americans who have discovered the place are beginning to return, bringing their friends. The hotel has therefore opened an office in New York, and is beginning promotion work.

The average tourist to Israel knocks himself out whizzing around the country at break-neck speed, and when he finally leaves the country he is completely exhausted, often needing a vacation. Our personal advice: arrange your itinerary so that when you have finished your sightseeing, you end up at the Dead Sea.

Let nature calm down your nervous system, loosen your tense muscles and normalize your metabolism with the extra rich supply of oxygen in the atmosphere down here. Whether you come only for relaxation or for treatment of arthritic, bronchial or skin conditions, you will discover a new and completely different side of Israel — one which smart Israelis and Europeans have been keeping a secret from the Americans.

And if you wish, you can send a picture post card to your friends back home — a card emphasizing the location of the Dead Sea in the deepest cleft on the face of the earth, and you can add your own humorous comment: "I never thought I'd sink so low. . ."

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Reveal healthy growth

Facts and figures chart progress

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — As Israel celebrates 40 years of independence, the following facts and figures, supplied by the government's central bureau of statistics, reflect four decades of mainly healthy growth within the Jewish state.

The technical courses at the Tel-Hai Regional College are geared toward teaching the top priority skills necessary for the labor market.

Demography

• Population: Israel's population has increased from 1,370,000 in 1950 to 4,396,270 at the end of 1987. Of this figure, 82% are Jewish, totalling 3,607,700, while 14% are Moslems, 2.3% Christian and 1.7% Druze and others.

Israel's population is increasing by 1.5% per year — 1.3% in the Jewish sector and 2.5% in the non-Jewish sector. By the year 1995, assuming the current birthrate and level of aliya continue, there will be 4 million Jews and in 1996, the overall population will reach 5 million.

By 1996, the higher Arab birthrate will mean that non-Jews form 19% of Israel's population, as compared with 17% today.

Of the Jewish population, 61.4% were born in Israel, 17.2% in Africa and Asia, and 21.4% in Europe and America. Some 27% of the world's Jews live in Israel.

• Cities: 87% of Israel's Jewish population live in urban areas with 66% living along the Mediterranean coast.

Jerusalem, the capital, is the largest city, with a population of 470,000 (72% Jewish).

Tel Aviv has a population of 320,000, having actually decreased from 386,000 in 1961. However, with the surrounding cities of Holon, Bat Yam, Ramat Gan, Givatayim, Petah Tikva, Bnai Brak, Herzliya and Ramat Hasharon, Tel Aviv is Israel's largest conurbation with a population of 1,650,000.

13% live in rural settlements

Haifa has a population of 223,000, with an additional 176,000 living in the towns around Haifa Bay.

Beersheba has a population of 115,000 and Netanya's population is 112,000.

• Settlements: 13% of Israel's Jewish population lives in more than 700 rural settlements established by the Jewish Agency. Of these, 3.5% live in moshavim, 3% in kibbutzim, and 6.5% in larger villages.

• Immigration: Since independence, more than 1.8 million immigrants have arrived in Israel. In recent years, though, aliya has dropped to an average of 10,000 to 15,000 per year.

Economics

• General indicators: Israel's gross national product totals $26 billion. Inflation has dropped to 15% per year from a mind-boggling 450% in 1984. Unemployment stands at 5.9%. The country exports $7 billion worth of goods per year and imports $9 billion worth of commodities.

• Exports: Israel's exports during 1987 amounted to $7 billion — a record year. In 1950, it exported just $35 million worth of goods.

Israel's current exports include $1.8 billion of polished diamonds, $2.1 billion of electronics and metals, $1.1 billion of chemicals and plastics, $500 million of textiles and clothing, $500 million of wood, paper and printing commodities, and $400 million of foodstuffs.

Almost 40% of Israel's exports are sold to Europe and 30% to North America.

• Tourism: Almost 1.5 million tourists visited Israel in 1987 — a record year, having grown from 1,100,000 in 1980. In 1987 tourists spent $1.5 billion.

Israel has 308 hotels with 32,000 rooms. In 1960, the country had 190 hotels with only 6,500 rooms.

• Banking: Israel's banks have combined assets of $90 billion. The country's three largest banks — Leumi, Hapoalim, and Discount — are included among the 200 biggest banks in the world.

Education and culture

• Schools: Israel has 1.4 million students in educational institutions from compulsory kindergarten through to university. This figure has grown tenfold since 1950 when 140,000 children were in schools.

Of this total, 250,000 children are in kindergarten, 530,000 in primary schools, and 560,000 in intermediate and high schools. Within this number there are 17,000 pupils at Jewish Agency funded Youth Aliya schools for new immigrants and the underprivileged.

• Universities: Israel has 70,000 students in universities and institutions of higher education. The Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University, each with more than 20,000 students, are the largest.

The proportion of university students of Oriental origin has risen from 18% to 27% in the last decade.

• Culture: Israelis see more theatre performances on average than any other nation. Fifteen percent of Israelis see an average of one theatre performance per month.

New book titles

Israel publishes nearly 4,000 new book titles each year — vieing with Japan and Sweden for the highest per capita figure. Israelis are avid newsreaders with 21 daily newspapers, some specialized, and hundreds of weekly, monthly, and quarterly journals and magazines.

Health and social welfare

• Hospitals: Israel has 27,400 hospital beds in 150 hospitals, meaning that there are six beds for every 1,000 Israelis.

• Life expectancy: Israeli males live to an average of 74 years old compared with 66 in 1961. The average female can expect to live to 77 years, compared with 69 in 1961.

• The elderly: Israel's pensioners, who formed 3% of the population in 1950, today form 10% of the population. Over 75's have risen from 52,000 in 1970 (1.5% of the population) to 170,000 (3.7%) today.

• The poor: Israel's urban poor and underprivileged are being rehabilitated through Project Renewal. Funded by the Israeli government and the Jewish Agency, through Diaspora funds, more than 300,000 Israelis in 87 neighborhoods are receiving assistance.

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New parents support group in Jewish community

Study will examine the extent of mental illness

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Finding the extent of mental disease in Montreal's Jewish community is one of the objectives of a study being undertaken by a new foundation, formed by parents of young people with psychiatric problems.

The overall goal will be to "get a fix on the numbers, the variety, and intensity" of mental illness in the community, said George Kantrowitz, the study's research director.

Interviews with parents, physicians, social workers and other professionals will also be included, Kantrowitz said, to derive not only demographic information, but living conditions, and what resources do or do not now exist to meet the needs of victims of psychiatric illness and their families.

Most importantly, Kantrowitz said, the study is intended to serve as a basis for an integrated network of supportive care for specifically Jewish patients and their families. This has not existed before, Kantrowitz noted.

The study being funded by the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal, was launched by the Shearim Foundation, organized by a group of psychiatric patients' parents on an informal basis about three years ago.

Recently, the foundation received its provincial charter, enabling it to solicit tax deductible donations and to work more cohesively.

Kantrowitz, a former research director at Allied Jewish Community Services' Community Planning Department, cited several reasons for the foundation's formation, among them that it is about time the Jewish community, traditionally humanistic, stopped shying away from the subject as it pertains to its own members: "...to the extent that the Jewish community must be more sensitive to the needs of these young people and their families; it is a Jewish issue," Kantrowitz said.

At the more practical level, parents have felt that Jewish young people, treated for their psychiatric problems in general institutions, grow isolated from the Jewish community.

Among the foundation's hopes are to help bring the issue out of the closet in the Jewish community and to give young people with less severe problems a chance to "reintegrate" into the Jewish community.

The foundation is also seeking solutions to problems shared by all victims of mental illness.

These include the "revolving door" syndrome, in which patients treated briefly in institutions are then discharged, only to return after a relapse; lack of individualized care given the wide range in severity of psychiatric problems, and interpersonal difficulties within the family unit.

Parents have also expressed the fear that as they become older, no individualized compassionate care will be available for their children.

Kantrowitz said Jewish parents "do not wish to impose" on their other children, which makes the establishment of a support care system all the more pressing.

The study will investigate these questions and others as a "preliminary landscape of mental disease in the Montreal Jewish community."

The resulting "data bank" will be used by the foundation as a guide for a specific agenda.

A long-term goal — "two years down the road," Kantrowitz estimated — is supervised housing and recreational facilities. Improved management of medication will be another priority.

Kantrowitz was frank about challenges faced in distributing the study.

One roadblock the foundation wants to overcome is the unwarranted sense of stigma some families may harbor when psychiatric problems exist. The result is an instinct to keep it in the family, which would not help the study.

Another challenge faced by Kantrowitz is to obtain as much information as possible without jeopardizing doctor/patient confidentially.

A "chain letter" approach is being used, he said. Parents associated with the foundation will distribute the questionnaire to other Jewish families they know in the same situation.

A physicians advisory committee of the foundation has also "expressed a willingness" to distribute the questionnaire to their Jewish clients, Kantrowitz. It would then be up to the families whether to respond.

Kantrowitz hoped to have the study distributed by late fall, with a report ready by the spring.

Meanwhile, the foundation is setting a critical path for itself. Besides the Jewish Community Foundation, funds are being raised among the CORE group itself and government funding will be applied for, for research.

The foundation board is chaired by Stanley Hyman. Kantrowitz himself is using office space and other facilities in the Cummings House donated by Allied Jewish Community Services.

The foundation is anxious to hear from members of the Jewish community willing to respond or to contribute to the study.

Kantrowitz also made no attempt to downplay the scope of the problem. Up to three-quarters of psychiatric cases are "serious," he said, which includes such conditions as schizophrenia and manic-depression.

But in less severe and manageable cases, the foundation feels the proper support system can provide opportunity for an enhanced sense of well being and belonging to a community.

Kantrowitz is convinced that at the very least, "we will reach some of them."

Kantrowitz can be reached at 735-3541.

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Tunes have universal appeal

West German rescues Yiddish folksongs

By
MEL FENSON

JERUSALEM — Mordecai Gebirtig was a Cracow carpenter who was also a writer of Yiddish songs whose works were sung throughout the Diaspora. He was murdered by the Nazis in June 1942 but his songs are being popularized by a non-Jewish West German folksinger.

Gebirtig, uneducated, unable to set down the musical notation of his powerful melodies, was to compose the lyrics and music of widely loved Yiddish songs, so popular that many were assumed to be folk songs.

Among these were Chulyet Kinderlach, Raizele, Shlof Shoyn Mein Yankele, Drei Techterlech, Kinder-Yorn, Moysheleh Mein Fraind, and the grimly prophetic Undzer Shtetl Brent (Our Village is Burning). This song, composed in 1938, was destined to become a symbol of the flames that engulfed European Jewry just one year later.

Brought hope and consolation

Composing his music on a flute, Gebirtig had a friend, Julius Hoffman, write down the notes. Once confined in the Cracow Ghetto, he continued to compose and sing songs that brought hope and consolation, courage and trust to his fellow victims . . . but Hoffman was no longer available to note down the music.

It was these lyrics that the folksinger Manfred Lemm rescued from oblivion by setting them to music in the Gebirtig style.

Lemm first learned Hebrew songs in preparation for a cultural exchange visit to Tel Aviv, scheduled for 1967 but cancelled as a result of the Six Day War. From that first contact, there developed a fascination with the Jews, their tragic fate in wartime Germany, their music and their language. Lemm learned Yiddish, and was frequently heard on German radio in concerts of Yiddish folksongs, with a special stress on the works of Gebirtig.

The scene now shifts to Kenya, where a Jewish radio executive from New York, on assignment in Africa, and relaxing on the veranda of a safari lodge, heard Lemm's Yiddish concert on his radio. He couldn't believe his ears when the announcer turned out to be not an Israeli, but the disc jockey of Norddeutscher Rundfunk in Germany.

The New Yorker immediately called the German station, and was referred on to Lemm. Here began a long friendship, with Lemm and his new admirer meeting whenever the radio executive came to Europe.

Back home in New York, he began collecting and photocopying lyrics written by Gebirtig for which no music existed, buying and borrowing manuscripts from as far away as Argentina, and sending copies to Lemm.

Out of this effort came three records . . . one of Jewish folksongs in general including some Gebirtig songs, and two exclusively devoted to Gebirtig's music, including several songs set to music composed by Manfred Lemm.

On a recent visit to Israel, accompanied by his producer Angelika Rudolph, Lemm called in at the home of Israel's leading Gebirtig fan, Sinai Leichter.

Sinai was the motivating force behind the new four volume anthology of Yiddish songs produced by the Hebrew University. Lemm also gave concerts in Tel Aviv, and visited Lochamei Hagettaot (Ghetto fighters), the seaside Kibbutz founded by Warsaw Ghetto revolt leaders Zivia Lubetkin and Mordechai Ankelevitz, and housing a holocaust musuem and archive.

A kibbutz policy forbids accepting any support from Germany for their memorial and research. In fact Lemm was not permitted to perform officially under kibbutz auspices but was invited to circumvent the ban against German guest artists by giving a concert for an army unit then being hosted at the kibbutz. (Lochamei Hagettaot is soon to organize a holocaust children's "tabernacle" project, financed with a $100,000 grant from the Mitchell Family Foundation of Winnipeg).

This, then, is the strange route through history of a composer and lyricist, victim of the Nazi holocaust, murdered in 1942 in the Cracow ghetto, whose songs are now being retrieved from the limbo of history by . . . a German artist.

The universal appeal of Gebirtig's music lies in the "life cycle" that his songs exemplify, and the loving manner in which his work encapsulates what was good and memorable in Jewish life.

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Walter Blum won Belmont Stakes in 1971

Jewish jockey inducted into Racing's Hall of Fame

By
HARLAN ABBEY

BUFFALO (JTA) — "I've won every derby there is, except the one I wanted to win the most, the Kentucky Derby," says Walter Blum, the most successful Jewish jockey in modern times, who was inducted into Racing's Hall of Fame in Saratoga last year.

Blum, who rode the winners of the California, Santa Anita, Louisiana, Michigan and New Jersey derbies during a 22-year career that totaled 4,047 wins, now is a racing official in Florida.

His biggest win was the Belmont Stakes, the 1½-mile "test of champions" that completes the Triple Crown for 3-year-old race horses. The Triple Crown includes the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes. Blum won the Belmont aboard Pass Catcher in 1971.

Blum, champion jockey many times at Garden State Park and Atlantic City racetracks in New Jersey, rode in the Kentucky Derby — "the most exciting two minutes in sports" — three times. His best finish was fourth, aboard Reason to Hail, in 1967. Proud Clarion was the winner.

"But I really thought I had a good chance in 1973, when I was riding Royal and Regal, who won the Florida Derby," said Blum. "I was in a good spot and then a horse I hadn't really heard much about went by me like a streak of lightning." The "streak" was Secretariat.

Blum, who rode from 1953 to 1975, piloted the top sprinter Mr. Prospector and the great Kelso, and also rode Gun Bow in some memorable duels with Kelso.

Surprisingly, the person most responsible for the Brooklyn-born Blum's career was his high school principal.

"I'd ridden horses at riding stables and I enjoyed that. I was small and everyone was always telling me 'You should be a jockey.'

"A fellow student, Anthony Falco, was exercising horses at the old Jamaica track and took me with him. I walked horses and groomed them for three months before I was allowed up on one . . .

"I guess I had some natural ability because I took to it quickly. Then I wanted to leave school at 16 to go to the track full-time.

"I wasn't a very good student by then because I wasn't interested in school. My parents thought the race track was a strange place populated by gangsters. My principal said, 'Look, he won't be a doctor or lawyer. If he's successful as a jockey he could make a lot of money."

Reluctantly, they agreed.

He began working for a leading trainer, Hirsch Jacobs, who was also Jewish, "but truthfully, neither of us was very religious — although I'd never ride on Yom Kippur. I think Hirsch gave me a break because I worked hard and was dedicated."

With weight always a concern, Blum admits to not eating "too many bagels with cream cheese" or "mom's cooking" during his riding career.

"I broke my leg, my back, my teeth, my collarbone — but none were 'serious' injuries. I always recovered quickly. Then there's the self-discipline you need to regiment your diet, keeping your weight the same day after day.

In addition to his many racing wins, Blum was highly regarded by his fellow jockeys, being elected president of the Jockeys Guild in 1969 and holding that post for several years. He also received the coveted George Woolf Memorial by California racing journalists in 1965, for bringing unique distinction to his profession. At the time he retired, only Willie Shoemaker, Johnny Longden, Eddie Arcaro and Steve Brooks surpassed him in total winners.

"A race worth $25,000 then (jockeys usually get 10% of the horse's winnings) is worth $200,000 now," he said. "Then you'd ride, 1,100 to 1,200 races a year. Now, with night racing, a rider can ride in 2,000 races.

"When I rode, everyone was a good rider. A lot of jockeys who are now making a living would only have been exercise riders in the 50s and 60s.

"There have been quite a few Jewish jockeys, like Willie Harmatz and Sam and Joe Renick in my time, and Arnold Ilescu and some others today. Not all are champions or even well-known. But just to conquer the anger and diet drudgery day after day takes a special person — or someone especially lucky."

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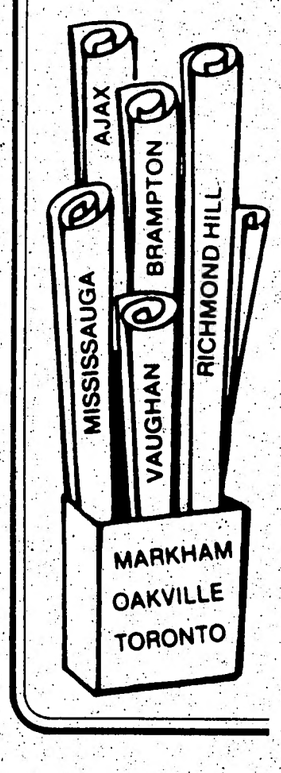

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Non-stress test finds potential risks

Doctor's decision meant everything

By
PAM CHIOTTI

TORONTO —

"The baby's responding badly. Very badly," said Dr. Sam Librach, chief obstetrician and gynecologist of Toronto's Doctor's Hospital, as he studied the fetal monitor.

It was the day before my due date. I couldn't have asked for a healthier first pregnancy. Sure, I suffered the obligatory nausea during the first trimester, but all else was normal. The pre-natal classes were fun and informative. My husband missed only one class — the one which featured a film on caesarean births.

I had driven to the doctor's office for a check-up. An examination showed I had one more week of waiting, but before going home, Librach instructed me to undergo a non-stress test just to make sure all was copesetic.

"The non-stress test," explained the doctor, "checks the response of the baby's heart rate to fetal activity and uterine contractions through the use of a fetal monitor." Librach assured me the non-stress test was just part of his standard procedure and no difficulties were suspected.

Experiencing mild contractions

"Think I'll need a caesarean?" I asked for the jillionth time. Once again, his answer was "no." With spirits high, I headed next door to the hospital.

A veteran nurse guided me into the case room. Mary Hodge told me to lie down and press a buzzer whenever the baby moved. No big deal. I could watch the monitor at my bedside.

I was surprised when 45 minutes later, Nurse Hodge asked me if I was having contractions. "Certainly not," I replied. She then told me that according to the monitor I was experiencing mild ones. She said the baby's heart rate was dropping with each contraction.

Soon Librach appeared. He perused the test results and told me there was the possibility the umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck. He then sent me for an ultrasound which showed nothing adverse.

"Even though the ultrasound was fine," said Librach, I'm going to give you a second non-stress test. Only this time, you'll be hooked up to the oxytocin drip. We have to measure the baby's response to the contractions."

After several internals from various doctors, my worst fears were fast becoming a reality. "We still think the cord may be around the baby's neck," Librach told me.

"That means he's not getting sufficient oxygen — even during mild contractions. I'm going to have to give you a caesarean in three hours, or we'll run the risk of either severe mental retardation or a stillbirth."

At 10.09 that night, my husband watched Librach reach into my uterus and scoop up Monique Beth. He deftly removed the umbilical cord which was wrapped noose-like around her neck. The cord was also compressed alongside her head (the reason for her earlier distress).

What if the non-stress test had not been part of Librach's standard procedure?

Director of the perinatal unit at Toronto's Women's College Hospital, Dr. John Milligan, says that in this country the non-stress test is generally ordered only if "there is indication of potential risk." These risks include a case in which the baby is small; the mother has diabetes; the mother is past due (41 weeks); there had been a previous stillbirth or other pregnancy related problem in the mother's medical history; elevated blood pressure, or the mother is more than 35 years old.

But if there is a chance the non-stress test will turn up signs of distress, why don't all doctors order it even if there is no previous indication of potential risk as in my situation?

"Two reasons," said Milligan who is also associate professor for the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Toronto. "First, some people may view this as "doctor intervention" particularly when no signs of complications are in evidence. Secondly, some doctors are cost efficient. More tests could mean more equipment."

Milligan agrees with Librach regarding this writer's experience. "Your case," said Milligan, "is the kind of case that makes doctors' hair fall out or turn gray. It was the non-stress test alone that proved your baby was in trouble."

All I can say is thank God for modern technology and Dr. Sam Librach.

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Replicas of ancient Temple objects displayed

Museum offers glimpse of majestic Jewish heritage

By
LESLIE GOTTESMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS)

Indiana Jones would have a field day in the recesses of Metziltayim St. in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, for through an arched doorway, hidden from the brilliant sunshine, visitors are greeted by a museum exhibiting precisely crafted replicas of implements used in the ancient Hebrew Temple.

Since its official opening on Jerusalem Day of this year, the Museum of Treasures of the Temple, a showcase of the Temple Institute, a non-political, independent body, has offered both schoolchildren and adults a glimpse of a majestic Jewish heritage.

The inspiration for the museum came from an ex-paratrooper named Rabbi Yisrel Ariel, who participated in the battle for Jerusalem in the 1967 Six Day War. His first army assignment after the war was to guard the Dome of the Rock, the greater moslem shrine located on the traditional site of King Solomon's Temple.

Ariel recognized that while the main spiritual centre of the Jewish people had been returned to Israel, its treasured symbols had not. The objects had all been captured in ancient times by conquering armies, such as the Roman forces in 70 CE, whose conquests were recorded in the famed reliefs on the Arch of Titus in Rome.

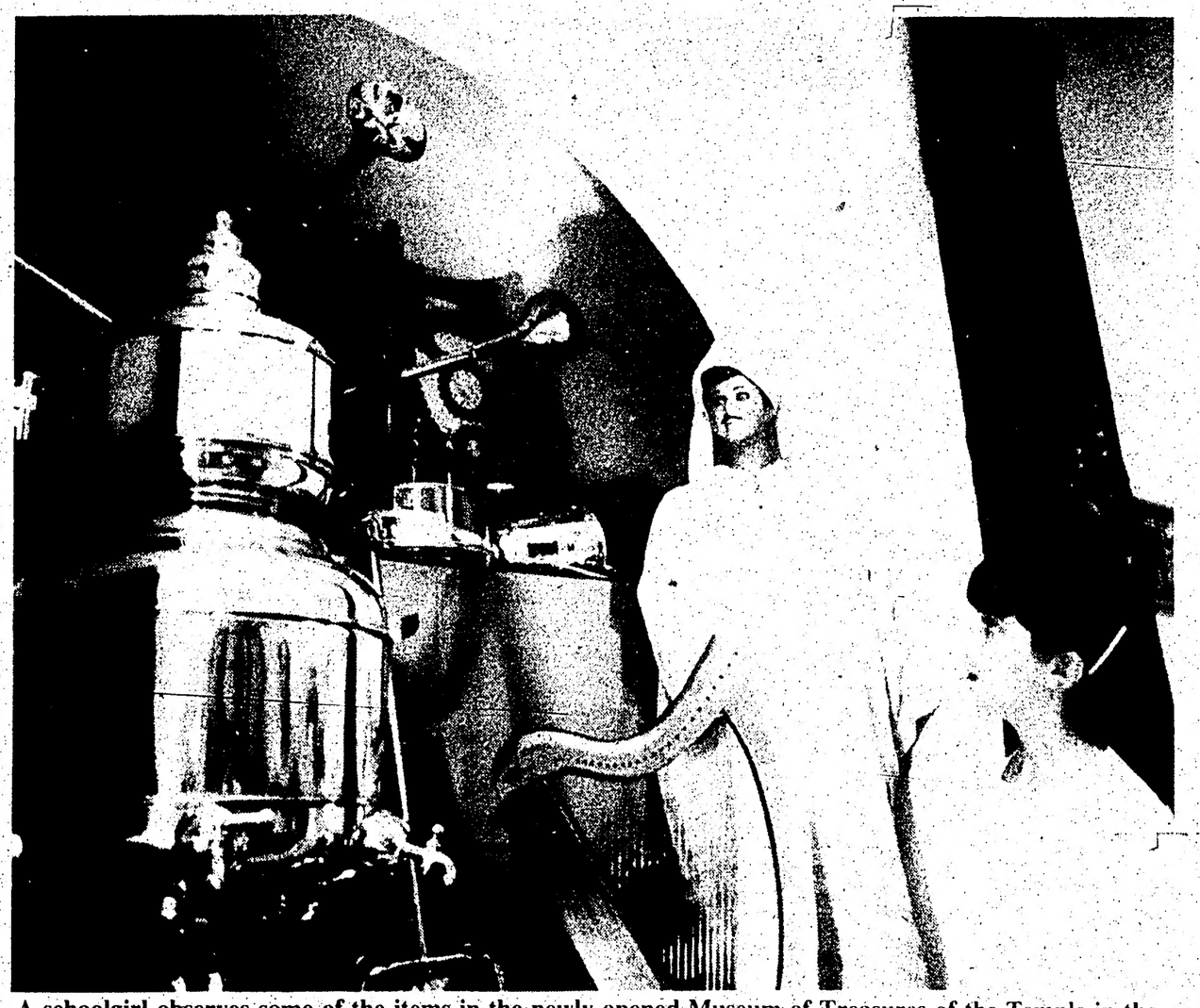
Creation of the magnificent objects used in the Temple service signified, to Ariel, restoration of pride in the Jewish heritage. Although the obligations of the Temple could no longer be fulfilled, its spiritual messages could be communicated. His dream fueled the efforts of expert artisans, culminating in the opening of the Temple Institute's exhibit.

The major elements of worship in the ancient Hebrew Temple are displayed behind shiny black curtains, adorned with applique cherubim. All the items exhibited, from the woven garments worn by the cohen (or High Priest) to silver trumpets and chalice cup, are based primarily on biblical and rabbinic descriptions.

The laver, for example, used by the priests for washing hands and feet before worship during the period the Israelites wandered in the desert, possessed two faucets. In the Second Temple, it has 12. The present copper model contains six. Its base, which some traditional authorities describe as convex, others concave, combines both forms in an expression of reconciliation.

The priest's robe must be one continuous white garment without seams. In order to weave it with a pattern of squares within squares, a computerized loom was developed. In the case of the priest's "avnet" or belt, its length of 19 metres (32 cubits), wrapped around his chest, at heart level, was obviously intended to limit his movements during the atonement service while he grappled with his conscience.

Other items, fashioned from gold and silver, as well as copper and brass, serve to inspire visitors with the grandeur these symbols depict. The regal crown, traditionally donned by the High Priest, is made of gold and the elongated trumpets, standards of an independent people, of one continuous piece of silver. In the case of the harp, its design is based on cave drawings found at Megiddo, and dating back 4-5,000 years. A larger model, complete with gut strings, is currently being made.



A schoolgirl observes some of the items in the newly opened Museum of Treasures of the Temple in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

The most ambitious plan to date is the projected design of a gold menorah. The ingenuity needed for its construction from one mold will first be applied in a more modest silver model. And in an area long bathed in mystery, 11 different ingredients used for incense in the Temple service have been refined and preserved in different receptacles. Their components, as well as the formula for the special bluish dye referred to in the Bible, is based on the extensive research of Rabbi Pinchas Burstein.

The first Temple, built by King Solomon, and the second, by Herod the Great, were noted for their unsurpassable beauty. The replicas of implements used in the Temple, displayed in the Museum of the Treasures of the Temple, have helped a fascinating and unique era in Jewish history.

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Turning desert to lush lawns

Weizmann Institute epitomizes pioneering values

By
SIMON GRIVER

REHOVOT (WZPS) — The Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot epitomizes the Zionist pioneering values that brought the Jewish people back to its homeland.

Some 250 acres of shrubland and sand dunes have been transformed into the lush lawns of today's campus. And more important, many of the world's finest scientists are exploring the frontiers of science and making exciting steps forward in cancer research, immunology, solar energy and dozens of other areas.

The Weizmann Instiute comprises 21 units which are currently conducting 640 research projects. The number of scientific staff, now totals 1,800, including 500 graduate students pursuing their Masters and doctorate degrees within the Feinberg Graduate School.

The Institute's president, Prof. Arye Dvoretzky, formerly a professor of mathematics at the Hebrew University, has a simple but demanding philosophy.

"We must be at the cutting edge of science," he asserts. "The only justification for our existence is the quality of our research."

Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President, knew that a Jewish state could only justify its existence through its achievements. Exploiting Jewish scientific brainpower, he foresaw, offered Israel the chance to make its mark on the international scene and develop profitable enterprises.

Thus it was that in 1934, Weizmann, with a staff of 10 accomplished scientists, founded the Daniel Sieff Research Institute (named for Daniel Sieff, the late brother of the current chancellor Lord Sieff of Brimpton, who was set on a scientific career but died tragically in 1933).

Weizmann by then had already made significant contributions to organic chemistry and industrial fermentation. His colleagues started work on projects related to the citrus industry, dairy farming, silk and tobacco, and the manufacture of chemical products for medicine.

The Institute was able to accept a small number of the German professional refugees then fleeing Nazi Germany. Under the dynamic guidance of Meyer Weisgal, the Institute rapidly expanded and in 1944 it was named after Weizmann himself. When the Weizmann Institute of Science was formally dedicated in 1949, it contained eight buildings and 60 laboratories.

As early as 1954 it had become the world's only commercial source of heavy oxygen. And in the following year, the Institute-designed WEIZAC became the world's third largest computer.

Moreover, the talent that the Institute has produced has been prolific. Prof. Ephraim Katzir, a former President of Israel, was one of the first two recipients of the Japan Prize in Biotechnology for his work in biophysics. Benjamin Gieger, professor of chemical immunology, won the triennial prize of the Federation of European Biochemical Societies.

In the field of cancer research alone, Prof. Emeritus Isaac Berenblum received a $100,000 prize from the General Motors Foundation. Prof. Leo Sachs of the molecular biology department was awarded the Bristol Myers prize, and Michael Feldman, professor of developmental biology, won a prestigious French prize.

Former Institute president Prof. Michael Sela himself received a prize recently from France's Institut de le Vie for his work in chemical immunology.

However, modern science needs more than human talent. The facilities at the Weizmann Institute are among the finest in the world. The Koffler Accelerator, with a 12-storey high tower, enables researchers to examine the atomic nucleus, one of the most minute structures in the entire universe.

A more recent addition to the Institute's skyline is the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Science. This facility includes a 160-foot-high solar tower containing 63 mirrors. These mirrors are designed to reflect and focus the sun's radiation onto a range of experimental targets. At peak operation, the total reflected power reaches 3,000 kilowatts of thermal energy. The aim of this research is to find ways in which solar energy can be substituted for imported fuels like oil.

Indeed, the thrust of work at the Weizmann Institute has always had an applied, practical target — to help make Israel financially self sufficient. The Institute itself generates a vast amount of capital. The Yeda Research and Development, established in 1959 to commercially expoit the discoveries at the Institute, makes annual profits of more than $20 million.

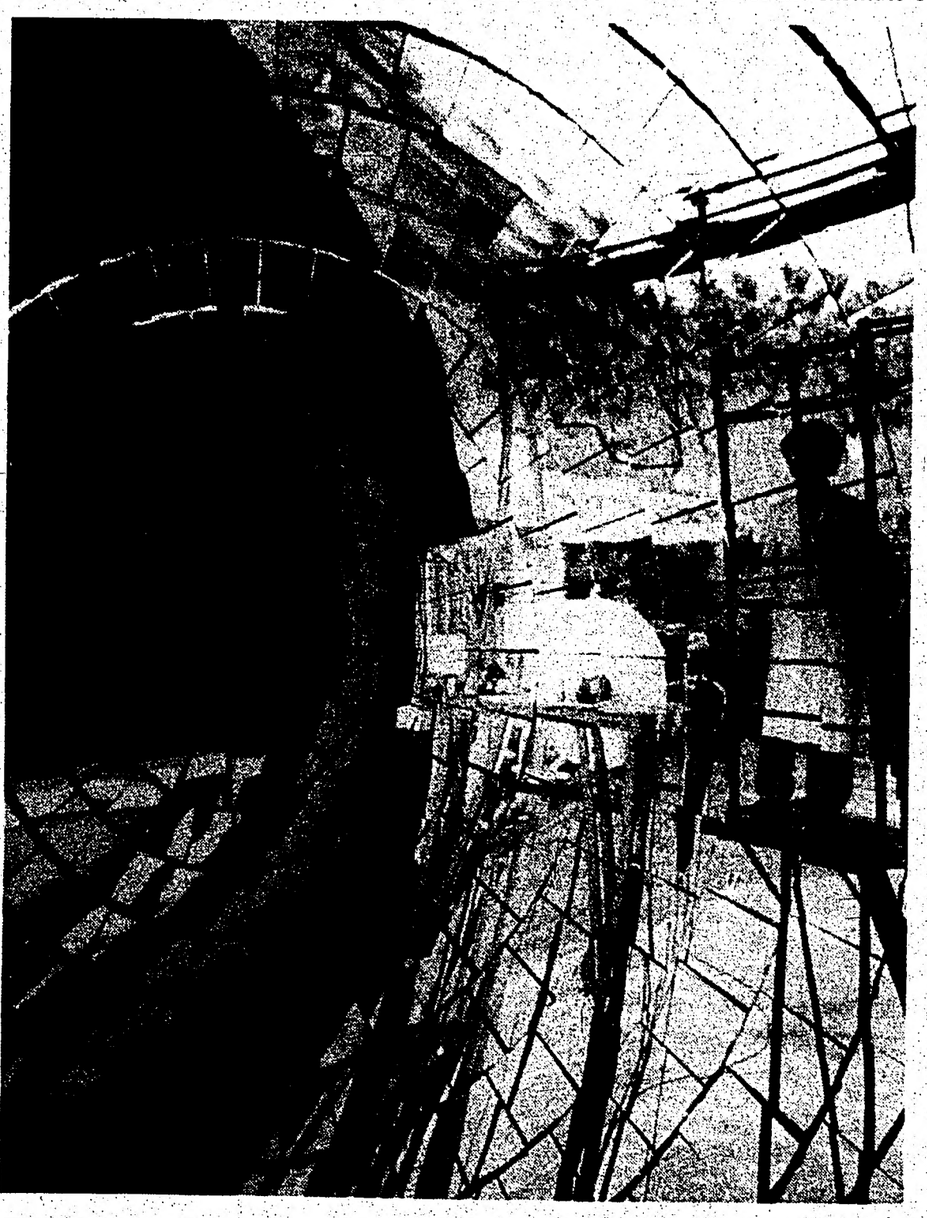
This represents a lucrative slice of the Institute's annual budget of $75 million. Like all establishments of higher education in Israel, the Weizmann Institute is suffering from governmental expenditure cuts. It is currently running a budget deficit of $18 million.

Toronto's Murray Koffler, the recently elected board chairman of the Institute intends putting the Weizmann back in the black. "We have to persuade the government," he says, "that science is one of the major contributors to the culture of the country. We have to impress on them the need to raise government support to equal that of other developed countries."

Koffler points out that over the last decade governmental support has fallen from 50% of the budget to 35%. Other than Yeda, the rest of the budget is provided by the Jewish Agency and the International Friends of the Weizmann Institute who donated nearly $20 million last year.

Koffler also fears that this deepening crisis will persuade the Institute's scientists to seek richer pastures. "The most dangerous temptation," says Prof. Sela, "is big companies in the U.S. who make no bones about offering $1 million research budgets, and that does attract the best minds if we cannot afford to provide them with the facilities that they need."

Budgetary worries aside, however, Weizmann would have no doubt been proud of today's Institute. It has maintained its reputation for excellence and is held in great esteem worldwide as the home of scientific pioneers.



The solar tower at the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research at the Weizmann Institute.

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Toronto of 20s and 30s

Thoughts of deli past evoke good old days

By
MURRAY GLICKSMAN

TORONTO —

On a recent restless night, in that dreamy state on the edge of sleep, my mind wandered to the Toronto of the 20s and the 30s. I must have missed a meal because my memories all pertained to food and restaurants. In my youth a restaurant was a euphemism for delicatessen.

Delis of that era were not the glitzy chromy fancy pants places of today. They were not meeting and eating places of Toronto Jewry. Some broken English, and Yiddish were the vernacular and were graded.

The foremost establishment had to be the Shopsowitz Delicatessen; situated on the east side of Spadina north of Dundas, and just north of the Victory burlesque theatre.

The original Shopsowitz Delicatessen bears no resemblance to the restaurant now called Shopsy's on Front St. The old Shopsowitz was stricly kosher, and closed its doors between sundown Friday and Saturday evening.

The original delicatessen was a long narrow store; as you entered you saw to your right a long serving counter, on your left a row of small tables along the wall. The table tops were either ceramic or marble topped. (Plastic had still to be invented) The chairs, at either end of the table, were of the ice cream parlor genre. A small round seat and a lattice wire back.

Mr. Shopsowitz, who cut the meat by hand with a long knife, made the sandwiches and took your money, was never called Shopsy. A diminutive for that man never entered our minds. This was the best, and the highest priced, delicatessen in Toronto. His corned beef was famous from King St. to St. Clair Ave. A corned beef sandwich at this delicatessen cost 10 cents.

Today's corned beef sandwiches bear little resemblance to the sandwiches of my youth.

The sandwiches had two or three slices of hand-cut meat. The long sharp knife was drawn through the steaming slab of pickled beef; the succulent juices oozed out around the knife blade, and you could hardly wait to get your hands and your mouth on that sandwich.

It was not difficult to eat two or more of these sandwiches; your appetite only curbed by your pocketbook and the fear of being termed a chazer.

In my pre-teen days, my friends and I went to the YMHA twice a week. We would rush out of school, jump on a Bathurst Street car, and be on our way to College and Brunswick streets. The Y was situated in the centre of delicatessen land. The activities at the Y, the pick-up basketball game, the 15 or 20 on a side volleyball game and the swim, were a prelude for supper. Food meant a delicatessen; which one we chose depended on our financial situation that day.

There were three delicatessens on the north side of College between Brunswick and Major streets. They were Welts, Eppes Essen, and Pascoes, all side by side and competing for our nickles and dimes. A sandwich in any of these three places cost 5 cents.

When we were richer we crossed to the south side of College St., and there was Beckers. The sandwiches at Beckers were higher priced; two sandwiches for 15 cents, and worth it. Beckers' pastrami was steeped in a spicy brown sauce. When the sandwich was handed across the serving counter the bread was brown, soaked through with that tantalizing sauce. On the days you were more daring, you asked for "speck please." Speck was a slice of the meat from the outside of the brisket and contained all the cooking spices — it was hot, it was fabulous.

When we had a quarter to spend for supper we went to Beckers. We always ordered two sandwiches, a dill pickle, and a Coke: a feast for 25 cents.

There were other delicatessens in Toronto. They were located on College west of Bathurst, and there were several on Dundas. There was even a delicatessen on Queen just east of McCaul, named Lazar's. For some unremembered reason we never patronized these places.

Then there were the restaurants that served the home cooking types of meals. There were Goldberg's Restaurant, the Quality Restaurant, both on Spadina, and the Rumanian Grill on College. Zuchters restaurant (before they became caterers), was on Adelaide St., but they came on the scene later.

Restaurants were places for family meals on Sundays. The typewritten menu on a single sheet of paper, was placed behind a celluloid sheet in between two hard covers. The menus were handed to the adults at the table, never to the children.

The menus listed all the traditional Jewish machels: kishka, shmaltz herring, helzl, chicken soup (with matzoh balls), boiled chicken, roast chicken (but never barbecued chicken), hamburger steak (never hamburgers), boiled flanken, rib steak, and at this point salivation interferes with memory. I don't dare go on to the desserts available.

Just as I am falling asleep, one last memory arrives: Stancers bakery on a Saturday night, waiting for sundown and the first fresh hot bread to come out of the oven. That hot crunchy rye bread, smothered with butter was a machel and a taste sensation; perhaps you were lucky and got the end piece, the heel, mostly crust. Oh Heaven!

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OTTAWA —

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The very first CARE package arrived at the French port of Le Havre on May 11, 1946. Concerned Canadians and Americans had formed a cooperative of more than 20 agencies to help the victims of war-ravaged Europe. Each package had been bought by an individual donor for around $10 (Canadian), about one day's wage.

CARE began sending special kosher food packages to Europe's Jews early in 1947. The packages, whose meat products included meat loaf, goulash, beef and gravy, conformed strictly to dietary laws.

CARE operations began in Israel in 1949 and went on until 1984. The first shipment of 15,000 packages was discharged at the port of Tel Aviv on Sept. 16. Another 10,000 packages arrived the following month.

CARE's goal in Israel was ambitious: a minimum of 25,000 packages a month. Perhaps it was not ambitious enough, because eventually nearly 50,000 packages a month were sent — for Jews and Arabs alike.

The situation was grim in Israel in the early years and CARE packages helped save many lives and alleviate a great deal of suffering.

Some 1,000 displaced and homeless Jews were arriving at the country's ports each day; it was almost impossible to absorb them all, and many remained for months in special placement camps.

Phasing out individual parcels

Food rationing meant that everywhere in the country no one could get more than one pound of meat a month, one egg a week, and very small quantities of cheese, butter, and other dairy products.

The international CARE network, which is made up largely of autonomous national agencies such as CARE Canada, began phasing out individual packages in 1966 and replacing them with self-help programs for entire communities.

These now help provide emergency food aid to some 22 million people a year, to build schools, health clinics, roads and water systems, and to develop small enterprises.

By the time the individual CARE package had been phased out, though, it was so famous it had become part of the English language — a synonym for giving.

"CARE Canada is very different today," says John Watson, executive director of the Ottawa-based agency. "We are fully operational and run a whole range of both emergency and long-term development programs. But our philosophy is the same as always, we believe in the need to make a commitment to help people in distress.

"This is what human dignity is all about, and this is also how we can all achieve a measure of prosperity and security."

CARE Canada would like to hear from anyone who may have received one of its famous packages. "We would like to share some memories, as well as our hope for the future," says Watson.

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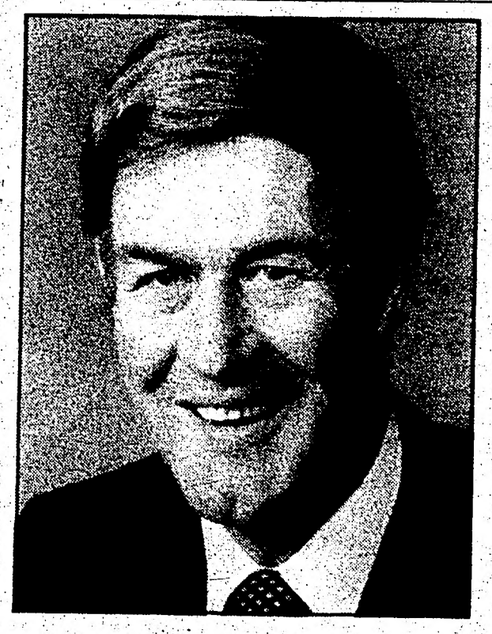
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Archeologist Osnat Misch-Brandl working on a pottery exhibit at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Archeology makes history come alive for Israelis

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM — With approximately 4,000 archeological sites concentrated in an area about a quarter the size of Tennessee, Israel is one of the world's richest reservoirs of ruins.

"All of Israel is an archeological site," says archeologist Osnat Misch-Brandl. "People find artifacts in their backyards." The sheer abundance of artifacts has made archeology into a national pastime. But it is the deep-rooted significance these artifacts have to Israelis which has turned the subject into a virtual passion.

"When we study the Bible we can connect it to the real sites where the story happened," says Misch-Brandl. "Our history is alive here."

The archeologist recalls her own reaction upon discovering an ancient house at Tel Batashi, a 2,800-year-old site not far from Beit Shemesh.

"This was once Philistine country, and when you are digging at a site that was once inhabited by the Philistines and you uncover a room where Samson might have come to visit Delilah it's hard to describe the excitement you feel."

Sharing that excitement with the entire Israeli public is a large part of her job as a curator at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. A museologist by profession, Misch-Brandl is responsible for putting together archeological exhibits at Israel's largest museum.

Misch-Brandl was born at Kibbutz Gvaram near Ashkelon in 1948. A kibbutz upbringing consisting of a lot of hard outdoor work prepared her well for her profession.

She has led or participated in several digs in Israel and Cyprus and describes the experience as "very hard but satisfying."

Working as an archeologist in the field, however, is not the ideal profession for a mother of three young children, and eventually Misch-Brandl decided to specialize in the field of museology.

"It enables me to combine my interest in archeology with my aesthetic sense, in terms of how to make an exhibit look good. I also enjoy the aspect of being a link between the archeological world and the general public."

Archeology — and the Israeli public's interest in archeology — have burgeoned since the establishment of the Jewish State 40 years ago. "In 1948 there was archeology work being done in the country by American, British and French schools," recalls veteran biblical archeologist Avraham Biran.

"But there was only one department of archeology in all of Israel — at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and even that was limited," he says. Today every one of Israel's universities has a department of archeology, not to mention the many colleges and even kibbutzim that offer programs or courses on the subject.

Nor has archeology remained the exclusive domain of students of the subject. In 40 years, it has burst out of the ivory towers and earth-covered mounds into the exhibition halls of some 22 different museums in Israel which are all devoted to archeology.

Misch-Brandl has been a witness to the growing popularity of the science. "When I was growing up, the first time I heard archeology mentioned was when I was in high school," she recalls.

"Today, I teach it in elementary school. My son has been to the museum five times since the beginning of the school year — and he is in the first grade. Today every child in Israel knows what archeology is."

As a curator at the Israel Museum, Osnat Misch-Brandl says she often receives letters from the public after they have visited archeological exhibits. "Usually they write just to say how much they have enjoyed it, but sometimes they are so curious that they ask very specific questions about some aspect of the exhibit."

Last year, the Israeli public's curiousity was particularly piqued by an exhibit that offered them an unusual glimpse into the world of underwater archeology. Organized by Misch-Brandl for the Israel Museum, the exhibit entitled From the Depths of the Sea, displayed ancient cargoes of three ships which had sunk off Israel's northern coast.

Unlike the artifacts uncovered on land, these ancient cargoes had not been touched since the day the ships that carried them sunk — in one case, over 3,000 years ago.

The cargo of all three ships was made up of several tons of metal bracelets, coins, ingots, anchors, statues and swords. Metal artifacts are rarely found on land because the high cost of metal meant that the material was almost always re-melted for use again and again. Only because the ships never reached their destinations, are we able to see these objects today, explains Misch-Brandl.

The objects were in exceptionally good condition because of the slower oxidation process that takes place in the ocean (as opposed to land) and because of the protective cover provided by layers of mud and sand at the bottom of the sea.

"It is important to make sure that everyone in Israel has some grasp of archeology," says Misch-Brandl, "because archeology is really a way of bringing people their history."

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Uses opportunity to reinterpret freely

Frank Meisler a master of Jewish ceremonial art

By
CAROL NOVIS

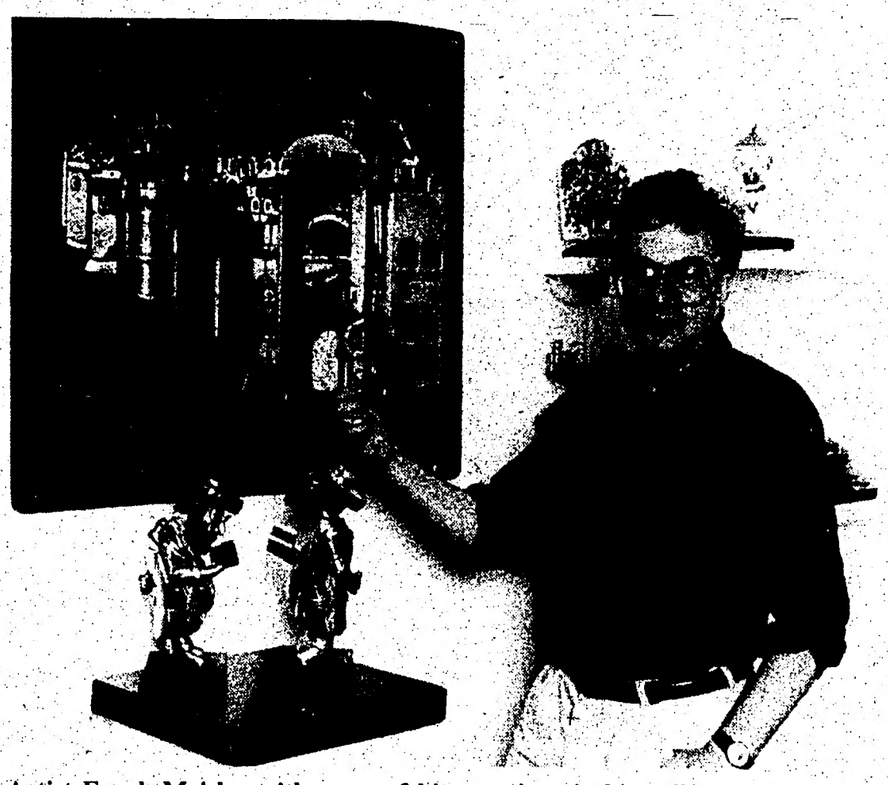
JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

Jewish ceremonial art has existed since biblical days when, as the Torah relates, Bezalel was appointed to create the Tabernacle and its holy objects. There followed centuries of relative neglect. Jews were forbidden to work in most trades and crafts, and synagogues feared showing too high a profile by displaying rich ceremonial art.

But today, Jewish ceremonial art is thriving again, and Israeli artists like Frank Meisler are among those involved in its renaissance.

Meisler, a trained architect who works today predominantly as a sculptor, is not a traditionally observant Jew. Nevertheless, religion, he claims, "exerts a fascination for me," and many of the objects he creates have ceremonial and biblical themes. That is because he believes the post-World War II generation of artists has had a unique opportunity to recreate Jewish ceremonial objects — an opportunity denied to generations of his predecessors.

"Antique Judaica of 100 or 200 years ago is disappointing artistically, compared to the kind of work that was created for the church in the 16th and 17th centuries," he said. "Jewish artists simply didn't have the patrons or the opportunity to create great art. Today, it's wonderful to be able to reinterpret ceremonial objects freely, without hiding."



Artist Frank Meisler with some of his creations in his gallery in Old Jaffa.

Among the pieces that are most significant to him are his recently completed Holocaust memorial and Torah shrine for a rebuilt synagogue in Mannheim, West Germany. Meisler, who is German-born, was sent to England with a group of children at the age of 7, just one week before the outbreak of war. He never saw his parents again.

Although Meisler is reluctant to talk about that period of his life, the creation of that synagogue has clearly been a highlight of his career. "We found charred stones from the old synagogue and used them to build the Holocaust memorial," he said. "It was beautiful to come from Israel and bring such things to Germany."

Currently, Meisler is working on another synagogue commission in West Germany. This synagogue, in Darmstadt, is due to open precisely on the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Although Meisler frequently undertakes large commissions (other recent ones include a set of ceremonial objects for the Liberal synagogue in St. John's Wood in London and a 3-metre diameter fountain in pewter and bronze, weighing over a ton, for the King Solomon Hotel in Jerusalem), many objects he creates are quite small.

They include miniature Torahs, ketubot (marriage certificates) holders, mezuzot and chanukiot, figurines of klezmer musicians and praying hassidim. Some, such as humorous representations of lawyers and even Sigmund Freud, complete with cigar, have no overt Jewish content.

Animals are a particular favorite and appear frequently in Meisler's sculptures, panels and small figures. "I have a weakness for animals and a sympathy for them," he said. "I like to observe them and see how they bear themselves."

His camels, goats, lions and the like appear to bear themselves with a detached, humorous world-weariness; perhaps reflecting feelings of Meisler himself, who in spite of a gentle, courtly manner, describes his own sense of humor as "slightly black, in the central European manner."

One of his favorite stories concerns an animal sculpture: "Just before the Israeli delegation left to take part in the Camp David talks, a member of the government burst into my studio and demanded a camel sculpture to present to Sadat if the treaty was signed. There was one proviso — if they didn't sign an agreement, the camel had to be returned. When I saw Begin and Sadat sign the Camp David agreement on television, I realized that I had sold a camel!"

Never regretted move

Although Meisler once worked as a successful architect in England, he has never regretted his move to Israel in 1960 with his American wife Batya, or his career change to sculpture. "It was probably a good thing that I studied architecture instead of art. Had I studied art, I probably would have been taught someone else's theories and style instead of developing my own."

Today, Meisler runs a flourishing business with three studios in Israel, a gallery in London, outlets in Belgium and Switzerland, and his own foundry. A staff of eight helps him cast, clean, polish and assemble the works; a process which can involve using an industrial crane for particularly large pieces.

Meisler designs models in clay or wax and then moulds sculptures in metal using the lost-wax process. The wax model is inserted in compact, sticky industrial sand and then hot metal is poured through. The wax melts and the negative shape is filled by hot metal. It takes about five weeks to develop new pieces, most of which are produced in limited editions.

His sculptures are particularly popular with Israeli government ministers who frequently order Meisler works ("a little too late and a little too cheap," he laughs) to present as gifts to foreign dignitaries. Former president Ford and Carter are two American leaders who have been presented with Meisler works.

Sometimes, non-Jewish diplomats particularly request a Mielser Jewish ceremonial object. One British cabinet minister, a Roman Catholic, has a Meisler mezzuzah on his doorpost. "He told me that it gives him comfort," said Meisler, in obvious satisfaction.

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To sing or not to sing

By
MAXINE FISHBEIN

EDMONTON —

It finally got to me last night at yet another in this season's long lineup of opening, awards, testimonial, sports, fund raising, welcome and closing dinners. I am not referring here to limp veggies, empty water glasses, rubber chicken, long speeches or malfunctioning light and sound equipment.

So where's my beef? It's in those unbearably uncomfortable few minutes at the beginning of the evening when the master of ceremonies clears his throat directly into the microphone and announces, tentatively, the singing of O Canada and Hatikvah.

The discomfort of masters of ceremony and, for that matter, the attendees is directly proportional to their familiarity with the lyrics and their musical skill.

Those, for example, who are blessed with full recall of the words, perfect pitch and a good, healthy level of patriotism have no worries as they stand tall and belt out those lyrics with the finesse and anticipation of hockey fans who, incidentally, never go wrong since they get to read the words displayed on the giant monitor at centre ice.

Those who love to sing and are not shy make up with enthusiasm what they sometimes lack in simple memorization skills. They sing — in hearty unison — four or five different versions of the anthem and grin widely at each other when they realize that some wildly divergent renditions of the national song are bouncing off the walls of the ballroom.

Then there are those unfortunate souls who have not been bestowed with a single iota of musical talent but who love their country with all their hearts. They manage to get most of the words of the anthem out in a cacophonous tune resembling a cross between the war songs of Burundi and Take Me Out to the Ballgame.

Favorite singers don't know words

My favorite anthem singers are those who know that they don't know the words, are embarrassed by the fact, and try to cover it up. The individuals falling into this category commonly resort to a number of face-saving tactics which include sudden coughing or wheezing attacks and futile searches for imaginary lost items which necessitate a dash for that island of safety directly underneath the table.

Another cover-up technique is the 2-second time-lag routine. Here, one simply picks a person at the table who looks like he ought to know the national anthem and then mimics him. This is sometimes known, metaphorically, as the blind leading the blind, and it can have disastrous results.

What if, for example, everyone in the room suddenly decides to rely on everyone else for his cue? That would leave the entire field open to the master of ceremonies who is, often and regretably, as untrained for the task as the next guy. To avoid colossal embarrassment, the dinner chairman for each and every event should make it a prime responsibility to properly screen and select an MC who can learn the words.

If this is impossible, there are professionals who can, I'm sure, be hired for a modest fee. He or she might even add a little zest to the event. Look what Kate Smith did for the Philadelphia Flyers.

Fraught with even more potential pitfalls then the singing of O Canada is the singing of Hatikvah. Since most diaspora Jews do not have Hebrew as their mother tongue or even their second language, we have to concentrate very carefully if we are to get the words right. Most often we don't.

This year we, as Canadian Jews, celebrate two very important birthdays — Canada's 121st and Israel's 40th. As we gratefully contemplate the meaning and significance of both our "home and native" and promised land, we should, once and for all, learn the words which express what we so strongly feel in our hearts.

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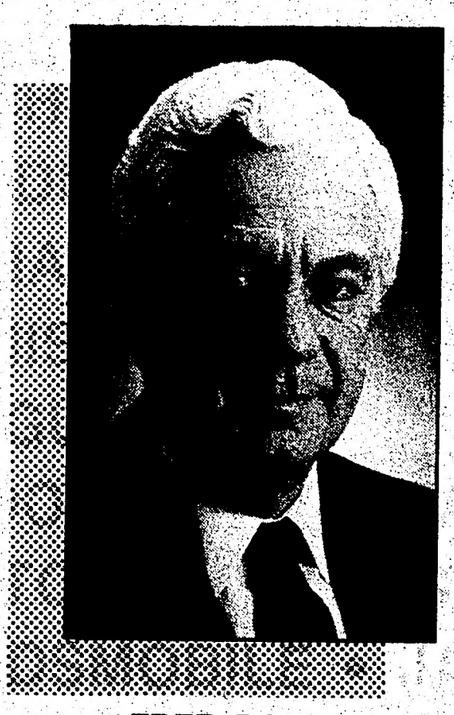
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Water responsible for area's prosperity

Imperial resort of Tiberias is still going strong

By
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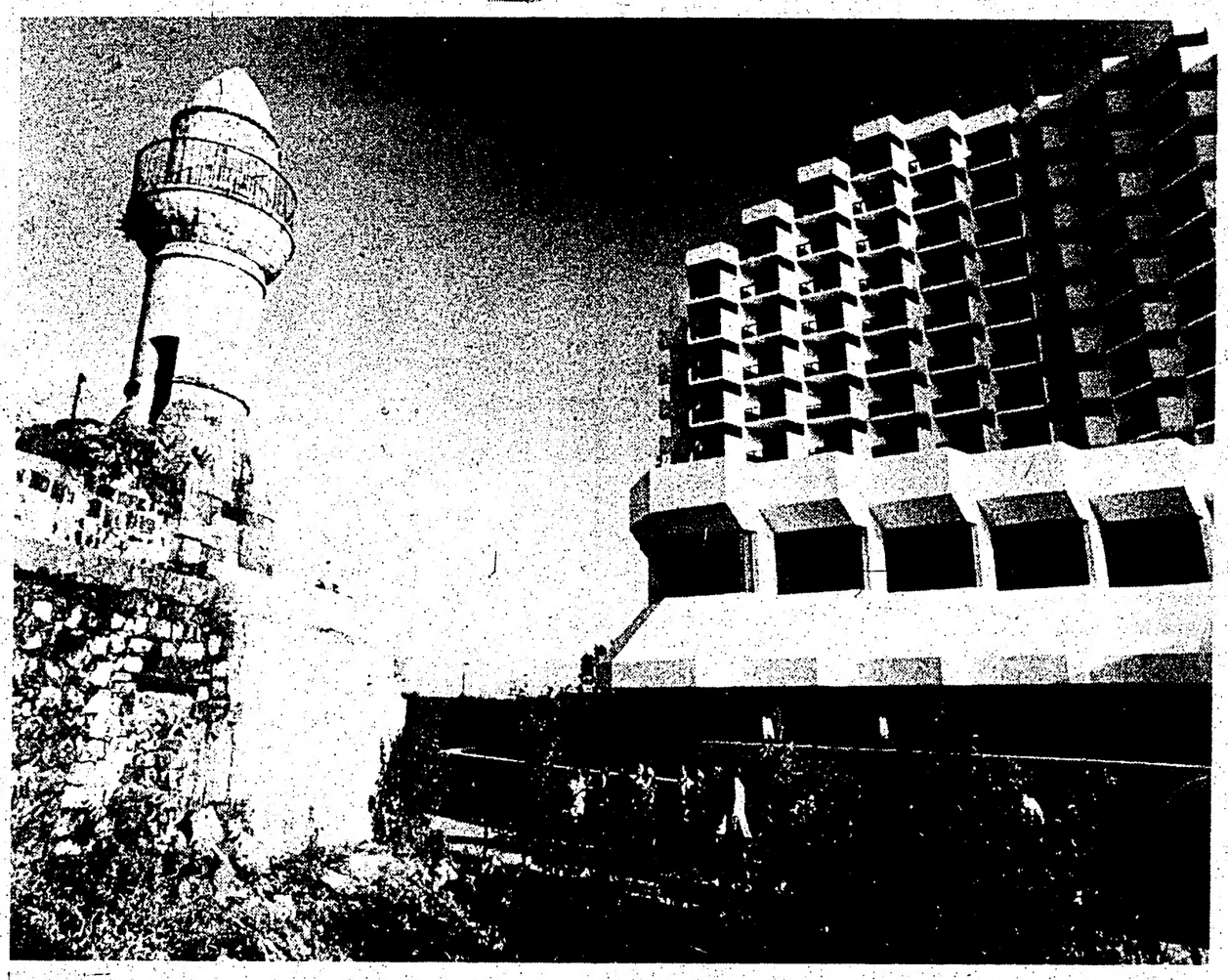

The old and the new in Tiberias.

TIBERIAS —
What are you looking for in a holiday resort? Plenty of sunshine, pleasant scenery, maybe a lake or sea for splashing or for more strenuous activities? Fair enough.

If you're inclined to boredom, you'll want interesting surroundings with sights, preferable ancient or cultural. And mineral springs to lend a hand in restoring your physical plant could be a welcome addition.

Such a resort has existed for a few thousand years. For the past 2,000 it has been known as Tiberias, while the lake it graces was known long before that as Kinneret, and later as the Sea of Galilee, Sea of Genesareth or Lake of Tiberias. The founder of the city, Herod Antipas, named it after the emperor Tiberius, which is more than any of his Roman subjects ever did for him.

Water is the magic element primarily responsible for the prosperity of the Tiberias region throughout the ages. Fresh water in the lake and streams; hot mineral springs reaching temperatures as high as over 50° C. gushing forth from the bowels of the earth.

Thanks to all this moisture, the shores of the lake are as lush as can be with banana and date palms and grapefruit orchards, watched over by stately cypress trees. The deep green shades are shot through with the reds of hibiscus and oleander.

The hot springs are the legacy of the region's volcanic past. Both the Romans and Turks, who populated the region at various times in the past, found the steaming water to their liking. They built sumptuous bath houses and could even dispense with their sophisticated techniques for heating water. In some places they found it necessary even to cool the water to avoid scalding the bathers.

the benefit of hydraulic lifts, and they certainly did not have toilet seats adjustable in height.

The latest spa building is so attractive that it attracts many vacationers who are in no need of therapy but want to enjoy the beautiful twin mineral pool, partly inside the building and partly outside bordering the placid lake. Others do their swimming, boating or water-skiing in the lake itself, sharing the water with the plentiful fish that have provided a livelihood for fishermen through the ages.

Vacationers find plenty of other attractions to keep them as busy as they want to be. A drive of not more than one hour in any direction takes them to beauty spots and historical sites that make exhilarating outings.

The mighty Crusader fortress of Belvoir, high above the Jordan River, overlooks the plateau from which the feared Saracens could attack the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem.

Turning off into the Jezreel Valley, we come to the beautiful mosaic floor of the 6th century CE synagogue at Beit Alpha. Time out for a picnic and a swim? Nearby are two lovely national parks, Gen Hashlosha and Ein Harod. From the latter Gideon set out to defeat the Midianites. Both are located at the foot of Mount Gilboa, where King Saul and his son Jonathan met their death in battle against the same Philistines.

Gamla is spectacularly located on the Golan Heights. Josephus Flavius has reported, blow by blow, the desperate defence of the Jewish inhabitants against the Roman legions led by Titus.

Black basalt ruins cover the mountain ridge as if in mourning for a tragic chapter in the history of the Jews, from which the town never revived. The Golan has made history in more recent wars as well, but now, once more, farmers in kibbutzim and settlements till the fertile volcanic soil.

On the face of it, the landscape is flat and unexciting. But the venturesome and sure-footed who descend into the many gorges slashing through the basalt rock discover enclaves of splashing waterfalls, rushing streams, luxurious foliage and spectacular rock formations.

Additional places to visit are legion, but enumerating them becomes tiresome. Suffice it to say that Tiberias' hinterland is inexhaustible, and if its visitors are not, they have plenty of opportunity to relax, for which not only the scenery but also the climate is most conducive. Winter temperatures hover around 80 F. and this is the traditional season to come for a cure or a holiday, but since air conditioning has become a household word, Tiberias has become a year-round resort.

There are hotels of all categories, on the lake front, near the hot springs and on the hill slopes. There is a youth hostle in town and two more in the surroundings. Out of town, around the lake, are camping sites and kibbutz inns.

Flock to thermal spa

At Hamat Gader, east of the Sea of Galilee, a Roman bath house of the 2nd century CE that was one of the largest in the empire is being excavated. The springs in which the Romans lolled have been incorporated, in our times, in a scenic recreational park with indoor and outdoor pools.

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Says Israel has long struggle towards peace

Ben-Yosef protects nature with wisdom and wit

By
DAVID STADTLER

JERUSALEM —

Asking Seffi Ben-Yosef to explain where his name comes from is like asking for a lesson in Israeli history. Ben-Yosef, who was born at the end of August, 1947, was 8 months old when Israel entered its War of Independence.

"Seffi," he explains, "was the nickname of a man who was killed in one of the battles for independence. His real name was Yosef, but the year he was killed seven Israeli children were given the name Seffi, in his honor. I was one of them."

As for his last name, Ben-Yosef has a story to go with that, too. "My father's real name was Kogan. He was originally from Russia, but in the early 30s he lived in Berlin, where he was an actor. One day, in 1935 or 1936, he was on his way home from the film studio, and he was attacked by a Nazi on the street.

But there was something the Nazi hadn't reckoned with: my father made his living as a boxer even though acting was his true love. So when he was attacked, he knew how to defend himself, and in the course of the fight he ended up killing the Nazi.

After that he escaped to Denmark, then to Romania, and finally to what was then Palestine.

He already had a brother here, who was also an actor, and who was already fairly well known. So, since the name Kogan was already taken, as it were, my father decided to change his name. His father's name was Yosef, so he just called himself Ben-Yosef — the son of Yosef."

Avraham Ben-Yosef went on to become a well-known actor in Israel, founding one of Tel Aviv's main repertory theatre companies, the Kameri Theatre. His son, Seffi, on the other hand, chose a different path. "Even though I grew up in Tel Aviv," he explains, "I never liked city life. I prefer natural to man-made surroundings."

After completing six years of army service, during which he saw combat in the Six Day war of 1967, Ben-Yosef joined the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and has been working for and with it ever since. SPNI was founded in the early 1950s as a non-profit, non-partisan organization by Israelis who were concerned about the effects of modernization on the natural and archaeologic heritage of the historic Land of Israel.

In spite of its small size, Israel's natural landscapes are highly varied, ranging from wooded mountainsides and fertile plains to barren deserts. The vegetation and wildlife are equally varied and are also rich in biblical and historical associations. Together with the archeological relics of ancient civilizations throughout the country, they give the land of the Bible its unique character.

In order to make sure this special character is preserved, even as the state moves into the age of high technology, the SPNI combines zoological, botanical and geological field research with public information activities and, when necessary, with political lobbying for environmental legislation.

The SPNI's membership, which has grown to some 45,000 over the past four decades, also maintains 25 field study centres throughout Israel. At these centres school groups, university students and teachers, members of the armed forces and, as Seffi Ben-Yosef puts it, "just plain citizens" can spend days or even weeks living with and learning about nature.

The largest of the centres is located on Har Gilo, at the edge of the Judean Desert, between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. One of its founders was Ben-Yosef, who lived and worked there for six years, at the start of his career with the SPNI.

Ben-Yosef left the field study centre in 1977 and, in his own words, "went off to see the world." In the following years he divided his time between the SPNI, and an associated organization, the Geographical Society of Israel, for whom he prepared special tours outside of Israel.

Since hiking is one of the Israeli national pastimes, the tours Ben-Yosef prepared were suited to more rugged tastes. "They were unusual tours," he says. We do things like hiking over the Pyrenees, or over the Alps, or the Andes, or rafting down rivers and so on. My job was to scout out the routes in advance."

Ben-Yosef estimates that over the past 15 years he has spent nearly half of his time travelling outside of Israel. Asked whether he has ever entertained the thought of leaving Israel permanently, he responds, "No, never, I couldn't," he says, "it's the only country whose language I can think in. Also, the sense of humor of this country is in Hebrew. It's the only place I can tell jokes."

Two years ago, Ben-Yosef took over as editor of the SPNI's monthly magazine Land and Nature. Here he also has a chance to express the more humorous sides of Israel's nature. Although most of the articles deal with plants, animals and geology, Ben-Yosef also finds space for anthropological oddities.

In one recent issue he included an article on a well-known propensity of mystics, would-be mystics and well known ordinary "kooks" who gravitate toward Jerusalem.

Seffi Ben-Yosef says Israel has a long struggle ahead, if it is to achieve peace with its neighbors or even among the various social groups inside the country itself.

He draws a comparison from the Bible and from the nature he has chosen to surround himself with: "The Children of Israel wandered for 40 years through the desert before they reached the Promised Land. Who knows, maybe I and my generation are also the 'generation of the desert.' "

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A 24-page catalogue, which is being distributed to major university and research libraries by the National Yiddish Book Centre, features over 300 out-of-print Yiddish translations of world literature.

Some major Yiddish writers translated many of the titles, including Isaac Bashevis Singer, who supported himself in Warsaw in the early 1930's by translating into Yiddish novels like Thomas Mann's "The Magic Mountain" and Erich Maria Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front."

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Alex Gropper continues work in Israel

Toronto's own Indiana Jones returns to his digs

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Indiana Jones — er, rather, Alex Gropper — can barely contain himself.

"It'll be back to Jerusalem with my class next year." The archeologist, lecturer, teacher, filmmaker, journalist, and fund raiser pulls a warmly autographed copy of Yigal Shiloah's last volume from his bookcase. "I can hardly wait."

Gropper worked with Shiloah in the controversial City of David digs on the Temple Mount for a number of summers, and brought him to Canada in 1981, 83, 84, and in 1987, just before the outspoken Israeli archeologist died of cancer. Accompanying Gropper to Jerusalem were members of the evening adult education class in archeology that Gropper has been giving at the University of Toronto since 1978.

"They got a lot more excitement than they signed up for," said Gropper. "But nobody was hurt." With a grin, he describes one confrontation with a crowd of black-frocked Neturei Karta residents incensed at the possiblity of the archeologists disturbing Jewish grave sites. "They had me surrounded. I ducked out of the middle, and left them throwing stones at each other."

Gropper, not one to turn a deaf ear to opportunity knocking, interviewed the Neturei Karta spokesman, who happened to be a Moishe Hersh from Brooklyn, for CBC's Celebrations FM radio program. He also wrote a piece on what he described as the War of the Bones for the Toronto Star.

In the summer of 86, he and his students took part in the harbor exploration program at Caesarea. It was a personal anniversary. Ten years earlier, he was "fortunate enough" to have participated in an international excavation in Caesarea under Prof. Robert Bull of New Jersey's Drew University.

This came about thanks to his old mentor at Waterloo Lutheran University (now Sir Wilfred Laurier U.), where Gropper studied biblical Hebrew and archeology, Prof. Larry Toombs. (Yes, Toombs. And Gropper isn't a bad name for someone who digs, either.)

This summer, he is taking his students to join an Italian excavation team at an Etruscan necropolis north of Rome. Cost of the 3-week program, which includes four pampering days in the lush resort of Positano, is $3,500. As in previous years, one-third of a class of 55 is going, mostly non-Jews.

Difficulties with ensuring kashruth has prevented him, said Gropper, from taking a group from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. He has been teaching history at the Jewish high school for the past 17 years, the job originally a "temporary position" he fell into. The school's academic standards and family atmosphere have kept him from taking his spade and briefcase elsewhere.

One former student, CTV Jerusalem bureau head Martin Himmel, played a helpful guide to Gropper in Israel on several occasions. And it was Himmel's mother Malka, of the popular 60s folk duo Malka and Joso, who got Gropper into broadcasting.

Gropper is currently raising funds for two projected film documentary series, one on the Dead Sea scrolls, and the other on Canada's prominence in international archeology.

Gropper points out that former ROM chief archeologist Douglas Tushingham was director of the American School of Archeological Research in 1952 (now the Rockefeller Museum, in Jerusalem) when the second batch of Dead Sea scrolls came to light; his subsequent research and publications brought them international prominence. Toronto, says Gropper, has the largest concentration in the world of learned societies dealing with the Mediterranean, including:

- The Society for Mediterranean Studies (of which he is director), currently sponsoring an excursion in Tel Hama, near Beit Shean.
- The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities, "the largest amateur Egyptological society in the world," which recently uncovered a lost manuscript of Aristotle.

Alex Gropper reads Yigal Shiloah and dreams of digging in Zion again. [Graphic Artists photo]

Gropper contacted Shiloah in the first place through Yigal Yadin, when the latter was in North America for Camp David in September, 1978. (Archeologist Yadin, then Israel deputy prime minister, "was delighted to be interviewed about archeology. Everybody else was asking him about politics.")

Gropper, born in Romania after World War II, spent his childhood in Israel, where "archeology got under my fingernails. It helps define what Jewishness is for me — the past, present, and future all in one."

The call to return to Jerusalem in July and August of 1989 came like a bolt from the blue, from a friend and longtime associate. The site will be southeast of the Ophel near the Old City's southern wall. Gropper's U of T class is the only Canadian contingent.

"Who knows," he said, putting fedora on his head and a twinkle in his eye. "Maybe we'll find King Solomon's palace this time."

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Bet Govrin caverns provide heat relief

Israeli archeologists debate caves' purpose

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The land around kibbutz Bet Govrin is scrubby, sparsely populated and seemingly of little interest to the visitor. But underground, the visitor can find cool, damp relief from the summer heat of the Lachish area.

About 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem, and six miles due east of Kiryat Gat, Bet Govrin stands on the side of the Byzantine city of that name, near the hillock that is all that's left of the ancient city of Marissa.

The people of Marissa — an important city fortified by King Rehoboam, son of Solomon, in 930 BCE and finally destroyed almost 1,000 years later — were probably the first to carve caves out of the soft, chalky rock.

Either they or the later inhabitants of Bet Govrin gouged out the huge bell-shaped caverns that can be seen today.

Whether they were excavated as underground quarries for the bricks to build their city, or as water cisterns of storage chambers for their food, is a matter of debate among Israeli archaeologists.

But whatever the purpose of the caves — and there are some 600 of them in the area, though only a very few are accessible to the visitor — the result is a sheer marvel of the industry of ancient Israel.

The interconnecting caves, each with its own narrow, circular hole in the roof from where the digging began, are exciting for the visitor interested in out-of-the-way sites.

Apparently, the ancient excavators cut through the hard surface rock, and then, upon reaching the soft chalk — which did not crumble owing to the damp underground — they could easily widen the hole and gradually achieve the bell shape one sees today.

Now the visitor can look 30 feet up to the roof of the caverns and see the rays of sun streaming through the opening.

Access to the caves is from floor level, over the remains of more fragile caves whose roofs have disintegrated over the centuries.

Nearby, there are other caves, smaller in size but no less impressive.

One is the Colombarium, or Cave of the Doves, named for its 2,000-odd pigeon-holes carved out of the soft chalk walls.

Archeologists are again at a loss to explain the purpose of these niches. Some say they are used to deposit the ashes of the dead, while others suggest they were indeed used for breeding pigeons — either to be used in pagan rites, or else simply as food.

The visitor has to be a little adventurous to reach the Colombarium, as access to the cross-shaped cave is accomplished by crawling through a narrow passage.

Another cave just off the road is one of many Grecian-style burial caves in the area. This cave, discovered at the beginning of the century, once had rich wall paintings — fortunately recorded for posterity in drawings made soon after it was found — that have faded almost completely since then.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Peace process election issue

By
HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV —
The Israeli elections scheduled for November will most likely focus on the peace process and related issues, rather than the economic situation, according to two Israeli public opinion pollsters.

Nina Zemach, research director of the Dahaf Research Institute, and Moshe Theumim, pollster for the Labor Party and director-general of Gitam Image Promotion Systems, said recently the campaigns of the two major parties would be distinguished by differences in their approach to the peace issue.

However, neither would or could predict the decisive winner in the coming elections.

Zemach, who was the only researcher to accurately forecast the results of the 1984 elections, said while results for this year's elections remain uncertain, another national unity government is not inconceivable.

According to Theumim, "No one will form a coalition with the Arab camp, but it may serve as a bloc to prevent the Likud from forming a coalition."

The Likud bloc will be larger than Labor's, but not large enough to form a coalition, he said.

Zemach said a change in voter attitudes is not necessarily accomplished by a change in voter habits, because of a tendency toward traditional emotional voting.

To support her contention, she said even though recent polls on attitudes toward the West Bank indicate large fluctuations regarding territorial compromise and annexation, there was no corresponding shift in voter preferences.

"The intifada did not change the balance between the camps," Zemach said, referring to the Arab uprising, "but the balance within the camps."

According to Theumim, "the intifada has had a larger influence within the right camp than within the left camp."

Zemach said despite the consistency that typifies voting patterns in Israel, even very minor mobility can lead to significant political changes: "A shift of only 2% can become six seats in the Knesset."

She said demographic trends in Israel as they affect the political map are balanced between Jews and Arabs because the two groups with the highest growth rate, ultra-Orthodox Jews and Arabs, lean to the right and left, respectively.

Theumim said he considers the Ultra-Orthodox and Arabs two potentially influential blocs in the coming elections, altough their effect is difficult to measure.

Noting the similarities between tht two — a high birth rate and a low voter turnout — he said the ultra-Orthodox camp is particularly difficult to gauge because of its refusal to participate in polls and its plethora of internal factions.

Zemach gave a different perspective to surveys. "Polls are only correct for the day that the data was collected," she said, adding that polls tend to focus on statistical rather than political significance.

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TEL AVIV —
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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Nephew revives tales

Vignettes a labor of love

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Life Is A Dance — You Should Only Know The Steps is an English translation of Yiddish vignettes by Katie Brown whose milieu was the East End of London, England, in the early 1900s.

The translation and publication of this well-designed, illustrated and printed slim paperback is a labor of love by her nephew, Sydney Bacon, 78, of Toronto, president of Bacon Basketware Ltd., with assistance in the translation by the late Rose Kashtan and illustrations by Gail Geltner.

Katie Brown's stories may never have seen the light of day again but for the determination of Bacon who had pieces read to him by his aunt in her home on Chicksand St. when he was a small boy. These visitations were all the more memorable because his mother had forbidden him to visit Brown as she disapproved of her.

In a preface, Bacon says his father, Herz Leib Bakon, to whom he dedicates the book, came from a family of cantors, musicians and other performers, and he liked Katie Brown, but as Bacon writes, "my mother dominated the family."

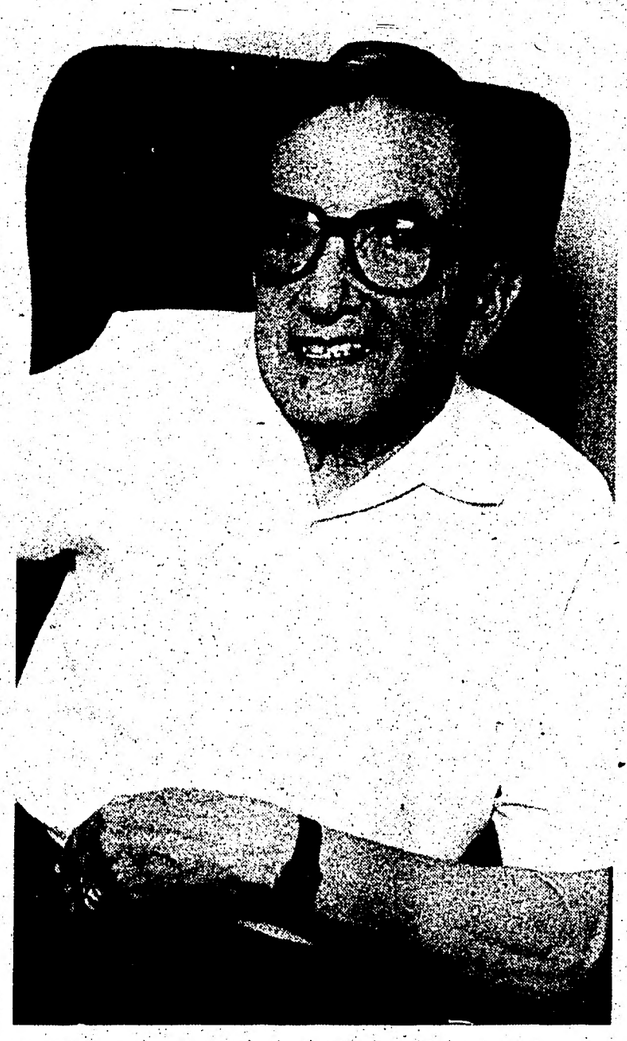
What Made Life Is A Dance possible is that Bacon's sister, Cissie Kay, of London, after a diligent search, was able to find two Yiddish books by their aunt. When they were published, Katie was writing Yiddish lyrics for English songs, Yiddish playlets and skits and short stories and articles printed in Arbeiter Ring (Workmen's Circle) newsletters and the leading London Yiddish newspaper, Dei Zeit.

Katie Brown was born in the shtetl of Ulanow in Galicia, the same place where Bacon's parents were born. She was 16 when her family moved to London, along with thousands of other Jews. Though her stories have a little of the shtetl flavor, she is by no means a writer in the tradition in which hapless Jews find a silver lining in every cloud.

She gives evidence of being swept up in the growing literature of social protest in Europe, Asia and North America. The men, women and children who people her stories are victims, by and large, of both economic forces and the hypocrisy within the Yiddish community of the East End.

For example, a frequent character in some of the 11 stories in this collection, is a woman writer who is bilked by unscrupulous people. Since Katie Brown had to look after their five children when her husband died, and had to sell job lots of merchandise to earn enough money, it is possible she was writing of experience close to home.

The finest story, in this reviewer's opinion, is A Cantor, A Presser. The author writes about a chazzan who followed his congregation to London from Poland, but is unable to adjust to their prosperous lifestyle. He auditions for synagogues, both large and small but is rejected and turns to learning the trade of presser. He does so well at this that people say garments he presses are worth exhibiting.



Sydney Bacon

"Sometimes when I am overwhelmed by the need to stand once again at the pulpit and recite the prayers, I gather together a minyan on an ordinary shabbes," Reb Shloime says.

"I pour my soul into the old familiar cantorial chants, in a way that makes every bone quiver . . . But when it comes to the high holy days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I become restless, uneasiness grips my heart, and I feel drawn to the cantorial desk. I yearn to sing Kol Nidre, to recite the musaf and all the other holy prayers, as in the old days at home.

"But since I was not so fortunate as to be appointed cantor to a synagogue, I don't attend Holy Day services. I go to say my prayers in a room set aside by Orthodox Jews. I plead with God to hear my prayers and to satisfy my heart's desire. Most of all, I pray that all Jews may receive aid and sustenance in the New Year, and that trouble may be banished from the world."

The Yiddish theatre was Katie Brown's first love. Inevitably she became immersed in the world of playwrights, actors and musicians, who received her with enthusiasm and encouraged her to write.

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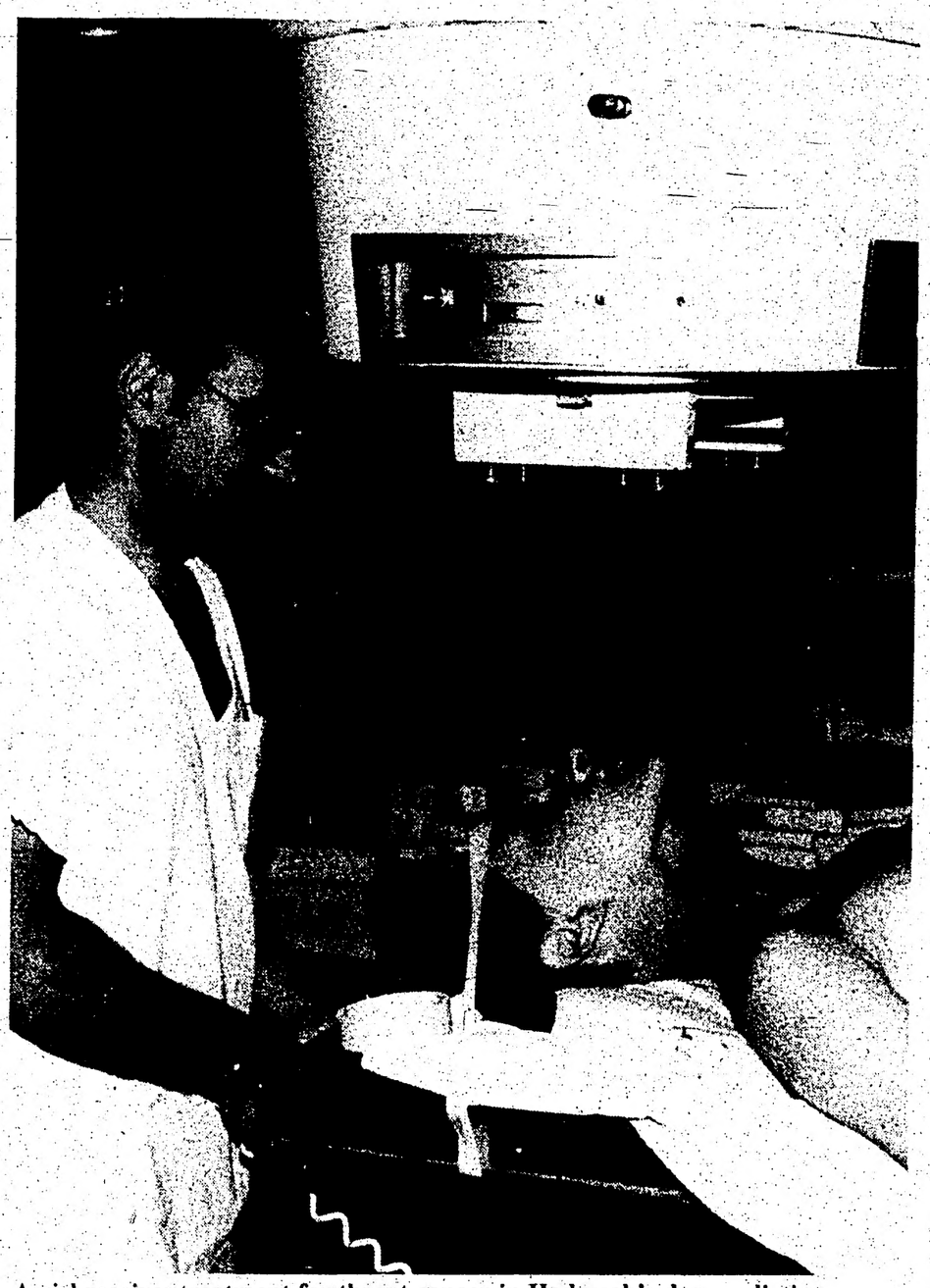

A girl receives treatment for throat cancer in Hadassah's deep radiation room.

Teenage cancer unit has unique approach

By
CARL SCHRAG

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Learning that you have cancer is one of life's most traumatic blows. Longstanding notions about low cure rates and prolonged, debilitating treatments scare every victim.

In recent years, however, major research breakthroughs have led to improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of many forms of cancer, causing the proportion of patients who overcome the disease to leap dramatically.

Even as care has improved, the unique needs of adolescent cancer patients have gone largely unnoticed in most western countries. This was the case in Israel until recently.

The establishment of the adolescent cancer unit at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Jerusalem has brought a welcome change to the face of care for young people between the ages of 10-21.

Dr. Nili Ramu, who had headed the new unit since it opened its doors last Fall, says adolescents face a special set of challenges and crises when they are diagnosed with solid malignant cancer.

"This is a unique period of development," Ramu notes. As children mature into adults, they undergo physical growth, their personalities take shape and they experience puberty and sexual development. The diagnosis of cancer at this crucial stage of life has significant ramifications.

She explains that the adolescent cancer unit provides treatment which answers the special needs of young adults, for whilst the forms of cancer found in adults include mainly growths in the breasts, lungs and gastrointestinal tract, adolescents suffer predominantly from bone tumors, Hodgkin's disease and lymphoma.

Working with young patients, most of whom are in good general health, Ramu and her colleagues employ a wide range of treatment options. "The young body can handle aggressive treatment," she notes. This can take the form of intensive chemotherapy and radiation, as well as surgical procedures that might be impossible in older patients, due to heart conditions and the like.

Working with young people who have their whole lives ahead of them, the doctors at Hadassah place the highest priority on curing their patients. Palliative goals, which were long the hallmark of much cancer treatment, occupy a very small spot in the unit's work. "We want to cure our patients," says Ramu.

Improved medical technology has boosted the success rate with young cancer patients to 60-70%, but the unit's staff won't settle just for curing young people. Some of the most advanced techniques and procedures stress improving the quality of life for cured patients. The emphasis on minimizing long-term complications leads doctors to explore special surgical procedures that lessen the likelihood of leaving young patients crippled for life.

When treating adolescents, top priority is given to avoiding prescriptions that may cause sterility or infertility. If it cannot be avoided, unit staff members inform patients before they undergo radiation or chemotherapy that their reproductive capabilities may be impaired. Advance notice does not usually ease the blow, but Ramu points out that a young man may desire to use the hospital's sperm bank before taking medication which may leave him sterile.

Most adolescent cancer treatment is administered on an outpatient basis. Young patients arrive from all over Israel three times a week for chemotherapy, examinations, and meetings with doctors and psychologists. The psychological support services are a crucial part of Hadassah's special adolescent care project, because helping patients cope with the changes and challenges that they face can prove essential to making a full recovery.

"There are not many places that devote themselves to this age group," Ramu says. Most hospitals treat adolescents together with young children or adults. The specific needs and concerns of the 10-21-year-old group, however, bring growing numbers of patients to Hadassah's new unit each week.

As ongoing medical research yields improved cancer treatment, the adolescent cancer unit at Hadassah will be standing by, ready to implement every new procedure that enhances the likelihood of a young cancer victim reaching adulthood and all of its challenges.

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Dreams abandoned to promote peace

By
YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK (JTA) — Moshe Amirav says he decided to give up "the dream" in order to one day have peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

The dream, which he shared with many Israelis, is the vision of greater Israel, or Eretz Yisrael Hashlema, the annexing of all the territories captured — or liberated — by the Israel Defence Force in 1967.

For almost 23 years, Amirav was a faithful member of Herut and a strong believer in its ideology of no territorial compromise and no negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But last February he tore up his Herut membership card and quit the party. He now believes that a settlement with the Palestinians, through negotiations with the PLO, is a realistic possibility.

The 43-year-old Amirav, who was in New York in his capacity as coordinator for the Council for Peace and Security, a newly established group of Israeli generals who see danger in the continued status quo in the Mideast, said that the shift in his views started to take place during the Lebanon war in 1982.

"I participated as a paratrooper in all of Israel's wars since the 1967 Six-Day War," Amirav said.

"In the Lebanon war I saw my friends fighting side by side with their children. I said to myself then that it is impossible to continue the cycle of war from one generation to another, from fathers to sons and then on and on. It must be stopped, I realized, even if the price will be the end of the dream."

Amirav remembers the wars. "In the Six-Day War," he said, "I was among the first paratroopers to reach the Western Wall. I cried there and I left a note within the cracks of the Wall that said only one word: 'peace.'

"I was sure that within 2-3 weeks we would have peace. In 1967 we confronted the realization of the dream, but the dream did not come true.

"The Palestinians did not become Zionists, the Jews of the world did not come on aliya, we did not succeed in building an exemplary society and the yerida (the emigration of Israelis) is on the rise. And then came another war, the Lebanon war. I realized that we have to give up the dream and be realistic."

Amirav's new conviction gradually led to a confrontation with the Herut Party establishment.

Two years ago, he recalled, he authored a document entitled "Confederation in Eretz Yisrael" that was distributed in Herut's branches across the country.

The document called for negotiations with the PLO and the establishment of a "Palestinian entity" as the only way for a final settlement.

"I said the Herut must take the initiative in this direction because she is the only party strong enough to do so," he said.

The party leaders, including Premier Yitzhak Shamir, rejected his plan.

But the content of the document reached Dr. Sari Nusseiba, one of the PLO's strongest and better-known supporters in the West Bank who teaches at Beir Zeit University, and he agreed to meet with Amirav.

"We met and we both were surprised, realizing that indeed we have what to talk about. We met several times. In some of the meetings I joined with Herut M.K.s Dan Meridor and Ehud Olmert. Premier Shamir knew of the meetings, but he was leery that they would be discovered by the media.

"Following the meetings with Nusseiba, I was asked to meet with Faisal Husseini, the highest, unofficial representative of the PLO in the territories.

"We had fruitful meetings. We are both patriotic and nationalistic, and we came to the conclusion that we both have rights in Eretz Yisrael and we both have to give up the dream for the whole land for only one people."

Amirav said they both agreed that one day a Palestinian state will be established, a state which will be de-militarized and limited in its foreign dealings.

An interim stage to such a state will be the granting of autonomy to the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, Amirav said, because "realistically speaking, there is no way to establish a Palestinian state before the next 10 to 15 years."

According to Amirav, the ideas introduced in the discussions with Husseini were brought to the attention of Shamir and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

"Shamir rejected the ideas. Arafat accepted," Amirav claimed. He said that later he was asked to meet Arafat in Geneva, but he turned down the invitation.

When the story of Amirav's meeting with the PLO leaders in the territories was published in the Israeli press, it caused an uproar within Herut.

He was censured by the party court and finally was barred from representing the party. That's when he tore up his membership card and quit the party.

Amirav says many of his friends and former colleagues in the party share his views, but they are not yet ready to support him publicly.

Amirav joined recently the Liberal Centre Party headed by Amnon Rubinstein, and is active in various other forums for peace in the Middle East.

Amirav said American Jews can play a major role in influencing the PLO to recognize Israel and start a dialogue for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

"We do not need American Jews' money and not even their help in time of war. What we need now is how to reach peace with the PLO, and here we need the assistance of American Jews and the United States," he said.

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Saving the native voices of the language's literature

Taping classics part of the battle to save Yiddish

By
BEN GALLOB

NEW YORK (JTA) — A 1-man effort by a college student to salvage forgotten and discarded Yiddish books has grown into a bustling international enterprise, applying modern technology to help stimulate use of a "dying" language.

It began when Aaron Lansky was a student at McGill University in Montreal, where his major was East European Jewish studies, with a concentration in Yiddish literature.

On a hunch one day, he began to visit Jewish homes in Montreal, asking residents for Yiddish books they owned but couldn't read. He discovered a surprising number that did.

Graduating in 1980 with a Master's degree in Yiddish literature, he returned home to Amherst, Mass., and resumed the hunt for discarded Yiddish books. As news of his search spread, his house soon became inundated with Yiddish books.

He realized that he needed a more structured enterprise, so he started the National Yiddish Book Center.

At first the centre rented space in an Amherst factory, but soon they outgrew it. To the rescue came the town of Holyoke, Mass. which donated a former school building to the centre.

So far, the centre has 850,000 books collected and stored there. The centre's offices, meanwhile, are headquartered in Amherst.

Lansky, 33, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the first phase of the centre's long-range program was collecting books, which is an ongoing activity. The second phase is getting the books into research and university libraries.

"We have sent books to 67 major university libraries," Lansky said, including libraries in the United States and Canada, France, Denmark, Belgium, West Germany, Poland, Austria and Israel.

The newest development in the centre's program is the taping of Yiddish masterpieces.

Lansky said he and board members asked Philip Stein, chairman of the Institute of Audio Research in Manhattan, for help. Stein, a longtime lover of the language, donated space in his high-technology recording studio for the taping.

Several tapes of Yiddish works were made in 1987, "the first time that Yiddish books were recorded professionally on tape in a systematic way for general distribution," Lansky said.

There were two cassettes of stories originally produced, one by Isaac Leib Peretz and one by Sholem Aleichem, and Lansky said the experiment, in which 1,000 tapes were sold, "taught us there was a much broader market than we had originally anticipated."

What Lansky found, in fact, was that there were three separate markets interested in his tapes.

One group is the elderly with fading eyesight, those who are knowledgeable in Yiddish but finding it increasingly difficult to read.

A second group is college youth, who are first learning Yiddish in courses being offered in a growing number of American universities.

Then there are those Jews who knew and spoke Yiddish as children but who never learned to read and write it, and as adults, had lost touch with the language.

Lansky said the centre's board agreed that the narrators should be at home in Yiddish and that European-born Yiddish actors would be ideal.

Two veteran, Vilna-born actors, David Rogow, a master of Sholem Aleichem, and Rita Karin, who had performed on the Yiddish stage in pre-Hitler Europe, agreed to join the taping program. Both are in their 70s.

Lansky said the two actors agreed that "if we are to save the native voices of Yiddish literature for future generations, then we must start working now."

Two 90-minute cassettes have been completed and are ready for distribution. One is L'koved Yontef (In Honor of the Holidays), four holiday stories by Sholem Aleichem.

The other is The Best of Avrom Reisen, a collection of short stories read by the American Yiddish actress and radio personality Miriam Kressyn.

The centre's goal is to eventually tape many of the greatest works of modern Yiddish literature, including short stories, poems, plays, memoirs and full-length novels.

In the planning stage is a 6-set tape, Aleichem's Gantz Tevye der Milchiger, the complete Tevye stories which inspired the world-famous Fiddler on the Roof, and Medresh Itzik, a collection of poems by Itzik Manger.

The 30,000 members of the centre, who pay annual dues of $26 ($18 for students and senior citizens), receive a twice-a-year magazine, The Book Peddler, which provides an updating of events in the field of Yiddish; a discount on all books and tapes available from the centre, and a chance to participate in an annual summer program in Yiddish culture, held at Hampshire College.

Lansky said this year's program earlier this month attracted 120 participants, mainly from the United States.

They took semiars in Jewish history and Yiddish literature and participated in a variety of workshops; joined in Yiddish conversationalist sessions and folk singing; and spent each evening watching rare films in Yiddish.

Yiddish books continue to arrive at Amherst at the rate of 1,000 a month. They are examined, repaired when necessary and sent to the Holoke building, where the collection is rapidly expanding to a landmark total of one million volumes.

Tapes and other information about the centre can be obtained by writing National Yiddish Book Center, Old East Street School, Amherst, Mass. 01004.

Teller believes in Arrow

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON— Famed nuclear physicist Edward Teller is confident Israel will produce the anti-tactical ballistic weapon called the Arrow that would be able to intercept an enemy's ground-to-ground ballistic missile.

"Israel is capable of doing it within three years," Teller said during a presentation at George Washington University here. He was referring to the time limit on the experimental project undertaken by Israel in cooperation with the United States under the U.S. Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) or Star Wars as it has become to be known.

The Arrow project, Teller said, means Israel is committed to a technological experiment that would in effect develop a bullet to stop a bullet. To be effective, he said, the Arrow would have to be produced cheaply and be capable of being fired quickly and reliably.

A state department senior official said the project will cost $125 million. The U.S. is to fund 80% and Israel 20%.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Attracts sun and sea enthusiasts

Israelis, Europeans flock to Netanya holiday resort

By
DAVID LANDAU

NETANYA —

The promise of relaxation and comfort at a moderate price lures tens of thousands of Israelis and Europeans each summer to Netanya, a holiday resort on the Mediterranean.

But Americans, for some reason, persist in missing the golden beaches and shady, cliff-top promenades that lend Netanya its character.

Lying on the Mediterranean just a half-hour north of Tel Aviv, Netanya is one of Israel's larger cities, with a population just under 100,000.

Yet the resort neither bustles like Tel Aviv, nor resembles the quiet dormitory towns of nearby Kfar Sava and Petach Tikva.

Netanya instead offers wholesome, unpretentious enjoyment and facilities for all ages.

For older visitors, or those preferring a more sedate vaction, Netanya presents a promenade on the cliff above the beach, with exotic flowering bushes, comfortable benches and balmy breezes even on the hottest days.

The town boasts a large population of British and American pensioners and some of the country's most active immigrant associations.

Sun and sea enthusiasts prosper in Netanya, as breakwaters keep the rougher waves away from the shore, allowing swimmers to enjoy large areas of calm sea and clean white-gold sands.

Surfers, meanwhile, can still mount the waves beyond the stone barriers.

The town's main square, full of Mediterranean-style evening strollers, is studded with restaurants, ethnic eateries, fish and seafood, Eastern European cooking and fast food ranging from hamburgers and pizzas, to felafel and humus.

Netanya offers several kosher restaurants, and all the hotel dining rooms serve kosher food.

The variety of these hotels can satisfy everyone — from the luxurious, though small, Four Seasons overlooking the northern part of the beach, to numerous 4- and 3-star hotels further south.

For the ultra-Orthodox, the Kiryat Sanz hotel, a 15-minute walk from the Four Seasons, is part of the Hasidic community of Klausenberg.

Netanya, founded in 1928 on the ruins of a Roman city, began as an agricultural settlement. But as orange prices dropped, the city fathers branched into industry, notably diamonds.

Visitors are welcome at the modern diamond centre where they can view the cleaving and polishing process transforming rough stones into gems.

Beach scene in the holiday resort of Netanya

Israeli folkdance Quebec style

MONTREAL —

Why is a Quebec-based folkloric troupe so interested in Israeli and chassidic dance?

For Jimmy di Genova, the founder, artistic director and business manager of L'Ensemble national de folklore Les Sortileges, the answer goes back to the 60s, when folk was at its height and the Israelis were held up as leaders in its interpretation and Israeli society, with its kibbutzim, a model.

"In the 60s, hundreds of French Canadians were doing Israeli folkdance," said Di Genova. "There were many teachers coming from Israel to Quebec."

The Jewish community had a chance to see Les Sortileges at the celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary at the Verdun Auditorium in April. For many, it was the highlight of the evening.

The performance was donated by Les Sortileges.

Les Sortileges, the only professional group of its kind in Canada, has been dedicated to the preservation and promotion of folklore since its founding in 1966. Its Chassidic Suite and Israeli Suite are but two entries in Les Sortileges' vast repertory of international and Quebec folklore.

A trip to Israel in 1973 for the International Folkore Festival in Haifa, at the invitation of the Israeli consulate, deepened Les Sortileges' knowledge of Israeli dance.

"Presenting a national folklore is not a matter of choreography, but a matter of the spirit," di Genova said. "Folkore is not only technique, it's the reflection of the soul of a people."

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Former Chicagoan runs dude ranch

Galilee's beauty fully appreciated on horseback

By
DAVID GROSS

VERED HAGALIL (JPFS) — "There,s only one right way to visit the Galilee — and that's on horseback," says Yehuda Avni, who occasionally waxes poetic to back up his opinion.

"When a tiny black speck in the distance becomes a Bedouin tent where you're welcome to dismount and have coffee; when a winding trail suddenly opens up into the fertile valley of Ginossar; when you're riding through the vineyards along the ridge overlooking the sky-blue Sea of Galilee . . . then you appreciate this area and its magnificent scenic beauty."

Avni and his wife Yonah own Vered Hagalil, Israel's answer to the dude ranch of the American west. Located on the road between Tiberias and Rosh Pina some three kilometres north of Capernaum, it is the perfect vacation spot for the avid rider, for those who are just beginning or for those who just want a small, friendly place to spend a couple of days while touring one of Israel's beauty spots.

Whether you arrive here in a limousine or attached to a back pack, chances are you will be personally greeted by Avni, a Chicago boy who arrived in Israel in 1949. Avni fought in the 82nd Airborne during World War II and was studying in Switzerland after the war when "I went to a lecture given by a Swiss Jew one Christmas vacation. He had fought with the Haganah during the War of Independence and had been wounded and sent home. I figured," Avni says, "that I would come here and win the war for Israel."

By the time he arrived, however, the newborn state had managed to win the war without his aid. Since he was already in Israel, Avni decided to spend a week or two touring the country. "That was it," he says. "I simply fell in love with Israel and I've been here ever since."

After a dozen years on kibbutz and moshav, Anvi decided to strike out on his own 26 years ago. "I simply got tired of doing the same thing," he says. "I wanted some land that I could develop as I wanted to, not as the Jewish Agency decided."

The result is Vered Hagalil, which Avni describes as where they want to go and what they want to see."

Vered Hagalil offers three types of accommodation, all of beautiful wood and stone construction. There are four double-roomed cabins and six cottage apartments, with livingroom, bedroom, kitchenette and a porch with a magnificent view. For those with less inclination for privacy and a more limited budget, there is a 2-room bunkhouse that sleeps 12. Breakfast is included in all the prices.

Avni is now building two more cabins and three more apartments in the process of achieving his dream, which he describes as "The Complete Guest Farm." The pool is already in place, as is the bar — which serves what he calls "the best dry martini in the Galilee."

The tennis courts, however, are still on the drawing board. Avni hopes to rebuild a Second Temple-period wine press excavated on his property and to make his own wine. He already grows alfalfa for the horses, as well as olives, avocados, mangos, lechees and assorted vegetables. And, as the name Vered Hagalil (Rose of Galilee) indicates, Avni cultivates roses.

The restaurant, one of the best in Israel, features some American-style dishes such as chicken in the basket, "Chicago-style" hot dogs and lemon meringue and pecan pie, as well as delicious soups and fish from the Sea of Galilee and the Dan River. While the restaurant is not kosher, Avni is more than willing to make arrangements for those who observe kashrut.

He also does not urge his guests to eat all their meals here. A goldmine of information on the best places to eat in the area, he is more than willing to offer suggestions tailored to your palate and pocketbook.

The horses, however, are Vered Hagalil's raison d'etre. Avni jokes that he comes "from a long line of horsemen — one uncle was a pedlar and another drove a milk wagon." At 14, he says, he ran away from home to become a jockey in Lexington, Ky. When he arrived at Vered Hagalil, he notes, his horse came with him.

His stable, which was the first in Israel, now features some 20 horses, all purebred or mixed Arabians. All the rides are led by experienced guides who are equipped with a short-wave radio and a jeep is always in attendance. Vered Hagalil offers half-day and full-day rides.

A special feature is the "Bonanza" — a half-day afternoon ride, an overnight bivouac with campfire (in which non-riders can participate) and a half-day morning ride. All the full-day and longer rides feature meals and all, of course, take full advantage of the scenic beauty of the Galilee, whether up into the hills or down to the Kinneret.

"We haven't ridden all the trails yet," Avni says. "So we're always ready to be flexible, to fill up the saddlebags with provisions and just go out and explore."

Horseback riding in the Galilee.

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Separated by Holocaust

Torontonian reunited with cousin after 47 years

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

By a fluke of fate, two cousins, separated for 47 years by the Holocaust, have been reunited once again in Toronto.

Molly Lewkowicz, 68, of Downsview, Ont., last saw her cousin, Regina Paluch, 63, of Czechoslovakia, in 1941. At the time both were young women; Molly was 21 and Regina, 16. They were neighbors in the same apartment building in Sosnowiec, Poland, and were part of a large, harmonious family.

But then the war came. In 1941, Regina, a teenager, was sent to a concentration camp in Parsnitz near Trautenau in Czechoslovakia, where she was assigned to work in a fabric and sewing mill.

Her older cousin, Molly, remained at home with her parents. In 1943 the Nazis rounded up the remaining Jews in the tenement and her parents, two sisters, a nephew and a niece were shipped off to Auschwitz. They all perished.

Worked in munitions factory

Molly and her youngest sister were luckier. Molly was sent to a camp in Kletendorf, Germany, and worked in a munitions factory. (Her youngest sister survived the Holocaust and lives today with her family in Givataim, Israel).

After the liberation, Molly returned home to Sosnowiec to find all her family gone and her home occupied by strangers. Meanwhile she heard that her cousin, Regina, was alive somewhere in Czechoslovakia. She wrote her a postcard but never received a reply.

"Both cousins didn't know the whereabouts of each other. They just knew that each of them was alive," says Harry Lewkowicz, who married Molly in a town near Munich in 1946.

En route to Toronto, Molly and Harry first arrived in Quebec City in 1949. Sponsored by a relative who borrowed $500 to permit them to enter the country, the Lewkowicz's started life in Toronto.

"Looking back, coming to Canada was worth everything," says Harry Lewkowicz, father of two, "but the early years were far from easy."

For five weeks he walked the streets without a job, without the knowledge of English, and without a penny. After a stint in the grocery business and driving a taxi, Lewkowicz ended up manufacturing dinette tables and chairs for 35 years, which he says, provided his family with a "comfortable" living.

Regina, on the other hand, remained near Trautenau, Czechoslovakia, following the war. She married and had one son and a daughter.

"I was always eager to learn of Molly's whereabouts since I had heard that she was alive, but I didn't know where to look," said Regina, comfortably seated in the kitchen of her cousin's Downsview home. She speaks no English, and uses a mixture of Yiddish and German during the interview.

How they found each other is a story of pure coincidence.

Last winter, while vacationing in Hollywood, Florida, the Lewkowiczs met Floridian David Rosenzweig at a private party. "When survivors get together they always talk about the old country," Lewkowicz admits. "When we mentioned the name of Regina Paluch and her background, he made an instant connection: Regina was his sister's girlfriend."

So, after numerous letters back and forth, verification and travel arrangements made, Regina was reunited with her long-lost cousin, Molly, after 47 years. She arrived in Toronto in June and plans to visit for several months.

Regina, who is greatly impressed with the city, has enjoyed visiting Niagara Falls, Centre Island, and The Eatons Centre, in particular.

"Toronto is a very clean, friendly, and beautiful city," she says, "but I am most happy to have met my family here after so many years. It has brought my life full-circle."

Molly Lewkowicz (sitting) and Regina Poluch have reunion after 47 years.

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Best way to see Jerusalem

99 bus shows major tourists sites

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — One of the best ways to start a visit to Jerusalem is on the 99 bus.

A 1½-hour ride on the Egged Bus Company's Jerusalem Circular Line gives the visitor a glimpse of most of the major tourist sites in the city.

From the bus depot just outside Jaffa Gate, a 99 swings around the walls of the Old City and northward to the crossroads, once the site of the Mandelbaum Gate — the only checkpoint between Israeli and Jordanian Jerusalem before 1967.

The visitor can sense what life was like in those days, as the English-speaking driver points out the tiny protective windows in the tenements on Shmuel Hanavi Road that once skirted the border.

For about a $1.50, you can join the route at any of its 34 stops and ride the air-conditioned coach around East and West Jerusalem.

The bus passes Ammunition Hill, site of one of the fiercest battles for control of Jerusalem in the Six-Day War, and climbs Mount Scopus to the Hebrew University campus.

From there one can see breathtaking views over the Judean Desert towards the Dead Sea to the east, and the Old City and "new" Jerusalem to the west.

If you prefer to see the capital at a more leisurely pace, 1- and 2-day tickets are available for about $5 and $6.50, allowing the visitor to explore sites along the way and rejoin the 99 later that day or the next.

The bus continues to the Mount of Olives for yet another spectacular view of the Old City's walls and domed mosques, and then descends into the Kidron Valley past the Second Temple-period tombs of Absalom and Zecharia exquisitely carved out of the rock.

This is the traditional burial area of Jerusalem, with the Jewish cemetery on the slopes of the Mount of Olives and the Moslem graves on the other side of the valley near the Old City's east walls.

From here one can see the churches of Gethsemane — the bronzed onion domes of the Russian Mary Magdalene Church, and the colorful mural on the lintel of the Church of All Nations.

The bus passes all the gates of the Old City, including St. Stephen's Gate in the eastern wall through which Israeli paratroopers made their assault on the Old City in 1967.

The second half of the trip focuses on newer West Jerusalem — the city's centre and further west to the major government buildings like the Knesset, the Prime Minister's Office and the battleship-like edifice of the Bank of Israel.

The 99 then speeds off to the western edge of the capital, to Mount Herzl and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, before returning through residential neighborhoods of diverse character from the down-at-heel Katamonim to affluent Talbiyeh.

Noticeable throughout the western half of the tour are tree-lined roads, parks, flowers blooming in road islands and on balconies, and the numerous massive sculptures scattered through the city, from the massive Alexander Calder red steel girders on Mount Herzl, to the Nikki de Saint Phalle three-tongued monster kiddies' slide in Kiryat Hayovel.

The beauty one sees reflects the city fathers' efforts, under the 23-year leadership of Mayor Teddy Kollek, to beautify the capital, with the help of contributions from Jews and Gentiles, governments, organizations and individuals all around the world.

Perhaps that partially explains what the Talmud meant, when it wrote how when God created the world, he carved out 10 portions of beauty, and nine of them went to Jerusalem.

Younger American Jews more likely to intermarry

WALTHAM, Mass. — The youngest group of married American Jews are far more likely to be intermarried and far less likely to have spouses converted into Judaism, say researchers at the Cohen Centre for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University.

In a research paper entitled Intermarriage: A First Look, Lawrence Sternberg, associate director of the Cohen Centre, presents figures from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Phoenix and Denver.

"The differences in the rates among 18 to 29 years old and the total population are most startling, with the rates of intermarriage doubling or almost doubling in each case," Sternberg notes.

Rates doubling

In the Southwest the rates are dramatic: 72% of marriages among Jews 18-to-29-year olds in Phoenix are intermarriages, compared to 34% of marriages among the total Jewish population; in Denver the rates are 72% vs 37%. In Pittsburgh, 47% of the 18-to-29-year olds are intermarried, compared to 21% of the total Jewish population, and in Philadelphia the rates are 38% vs 15%.

Conversion rates, on the other hand, are very low among young intermarried Jews in most cities. "In Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Denver, fewer than one in five intermarried households includes a converted spouse," says Sternberg. "If this pattern persists and younger adults continue to intermarry at such high rates, the nature of the Jewish community may change."

Sternberg explains the way intermarriage rates are calculated and defined. However, he warns intermarriage rates alone do not tell the whole story.

"A great deal of the community's concern regarding intermarriage stems from the question of whether intermarriage necessarily means losing members of the Jewish community," Sternberg says.

"To assess the real impact of intermarriage we must look beyond intermarriage rates." The Cohen Center is now engaged in addition research to discover the Jewish behavior patterns of intermarried households.

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Evian Conference seen as tragic failure

HARVEY MEYERHOFF, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Commission, writes about the Evian Conference in 1938 which confirmed the Germans' perception that no one wanted to accept Jewish refugees.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — This summer marked the 50th anniversary of one of civilization's tragic failures — the international conference in Evian.

For nine days in July in this French resort town on the shores of Lake Geneva, representatives from 29 countries convened at the invitation of President Franklin Roosevelt to discuss the future reception of Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria.

In the five years between 1933 and 1938, more than 150,000 Jews had emigrated from Germany. However, after the Anschluss of March 1938, when Germany incorporated all of Austria, the situation grew ever more desperate for the Jews still inside the Reich.

No havens could be found. Those who wanted to leave Germany could still go if — and only if — a country were willing to accept them.

The United States was reluctant to receive additional refugees. Quotas were rigidly enforced. Legal provisions — such as LPC (Likely to Become Public Charge) and CGC (Certificate of Good Conduct) clauses — were arbitrarily invoked to restrict immigration even further.

Thus a physician, even one with some savings, could be excluded from the United States on the flimsy excuse that he might not qualify for a license to work in his field, thereby becoming a public charge.

The seemingly innocuous provision that all prospective immigrants receive from their nation's police a certificate of good conduct forced German Jews to seek approval from the very same Gestapo that was committed to their persecution.

Britain was unwilling to change its restrictive policy regarding German-Jewish immigration. Latin American countries, with only a few exceptions, were unwiling to receive Jews who were not wealthy, and Canada's policy toward the Jewish refugees was described as "None was too many."

In France, transit camps were set up to contain the refugees. Neutral Switzerland refused to accept any Jews and asked the German foreign office to distinguish between ordinary Germans whom they welcomed and Jewish Germans whom they turned back at the border.

The nine days of deliberation at Evian, which included pious pronouncements matched by skilled foot-dragging on the part of the diplomats, confirmed the German perception that no one wanted the Jews.

German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop described a conversation he had with French Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet in a letter that year to Adolf Hitler:

"Bonnet said that in the first place they did not want to receive any more Jews from Germany and whether we could not take some sort of measures to keep them from coming to France, and that in the second place France had to ship 10,000 Jews somewhere else . . .

"I replied to M. Bonnet that we all wanted to get rid of our Jews but that the difficulties lay in the fact that no country wished to receive them."

The only victor from Evian was the one country that was not invited to the conference — Nazi Germany.

Within months, the Jews in Germany and Austria were to feel the impact of the failure of Evian in the pogroms known as Kristallnacht, when on the night of Nov. 9-10, 1938, their synagogues were burned, their homes invaded, their businesses looted and 20,000 Jewish men arrested.

Evian marked a bitter moment in Western history. It marked an even more important point in Nazi Germany's policy towards the Jews. Emigration was no longer feasible for there was no country willing to receive Jews.

With an ideology bent on making the Reich Judenrein — free of Jews — the next stage required a decision to kill, which was not too long delayed. By September 1939, systematic euthanasia was in place.

By 1940, ghettos in the East were established. By 1941, wholesale slaughter was under way in previously Soviet-controlled territory. And by 1942, the Nazis began implementing the so-called "Final Solution," and six million Jews were murdered.

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Children were ideal teachers

Advancement up long Hebrew ladder gratifying

By
ANDY WEINE

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Once Hebrew was as strange to my ears as Chinese: a meaningless stream of throaty sounds that grated on my ears like the coughing of an old chain saw.

The effort to learn such an odd language seemed, to me, monumental — harder than mountains I've climbed or long distances I've run. Indeed, among the many hurdles confronting the new oleh, Hebrew is perhaps the most intimidating. Yet mastery of the language is easier than expected and, ultimately, very gratifying.

At first I would listen to news broadcasts and feel proud that I could understand the beginning: Erev tov v'shalom rav. Hineh ha'hadashot . . . ("Good evening and hello. Here is the news . . ."), but the rest was a blur. Once in a while my straining ears would pluck from the mad verbal rush a few comprehensible words: government . . . the names of countries and cities . . . investigation . . . the weather.

Speaking more difficult

Speaking was infinitely more difficult. Words stuck in my throat like soggy meatballs as I struggled to utter the simple sentence to the waitress: "At yachola l'havie li cos mayim?" ("Can you bring me a glass of water?"). Conversing in Hebrew was like trying to read a poem after swallowing mouthfuls of sticky peanut butter, or singing after the dentist had numbed my mouth.

Having dinner with my 'adopted' Israeli family — who, for my questionable good, spoke only Hebrew — took all the next day's energy out of me and required a 2-aspirin antedote to counteract the massive dam of Hebrew words that clotted my brain. Week after week I would sit at their table, a blank smile pasted permanently on my face as I strained to tune into the rapid-fire Hebrew volley of bickering among the three daughters, and reprimands from the parents.

Sitting there, munching quietly away at my Shabbat meal, I often felt like — and probably resembled, too — a pet dog at a cocktail party, surrounded by strange humans babbling incomprehensible sounds. If I had a dog's lively ears I am sure they would have perked upright in vain attempts to understand. And as humans turn to pat the dog, my Israeli hosts would turn to me every half-hour or so and shout, "Atah lomevin ma anachnu omrim lo?" (You don't understand what we're saying, do you?)." "Lo!" ("No!") I answered, happy that I understood at least that bellowed question.

Yet all was not so dismal. My aliya having come shortly after that of Natan Sharansky, I was immensely pleased to see him at a massive rally in Jerusalem, clutching a prepared speech and stumbling over words — just as I would! His Hebrew I understood! If the audience could suffer his bumblings and mispronounciations, then surely there was hope for me as well.

There seemed no end to the utter nonsense I muttered, the embarrassing goofs and gaffs, the incredible stares I received and countless looks of what-the-hell-is-he-saying incomprehension. For instance, like most whose mother tongue has no masculine or feminine nouns, I endlessly confused gender forms. It was excusable to say something like, Please pass the napkins, and use the wrong form of napkin, but quite another thing to be introduced to someone important — your new boss, say — and mistakenly address him as a woman. Little boys and girls would also react angrily to my mistakes, yelling "I'm not a girl!" or "I'm not a boy!"

On the whole, though, children were the most ideal teachers. Their small vocabulary and eagerness to help, made them my best possible company, in my slow advancement up the long Hebrew ladder.

Until Ahuva, that is. For surely the best aid in learning Hebrew — and assimilating into Israeli society — is an Israeli girlfriend. I resolutely forbade any spoken English between us, and she was helpful as no ulpan could be in explaining new words from the blitz that confronted me in television, newspapers, and on the street.

My other great efforts in learning — Hebrew newspapers on the kitchen table, books in easy Hebrew on my bedstand, a vocabulary list tacked on the refrigerator — were not without their rewards. My first breakthrough came in meeting a young Ethiopian student who, during the course of several hours, told me in Hebrew the suspenseful story of his aliya — the secret departure in the middle of the night, and the long, lonely march without food or water . . .

This picture remains fixed in my memory: me, an American Jew from a privileged background, who has benefitted from nearly everything good that life can offer, speaking in the language of the Bible to a fellow Jew from a poor and undeveloped country such as Ethiopia.

A Hebrew class for new immigrants at Jerusalem's Ulpan Etzion.

Hebrew was also the language in which I learned from distant German relatives, now living in Israel, of their loss in the Holocaust of 200 family members.

Shoah and geula — Holocaust and redemption — two dimensions of Jewish experience that I began to learn, for the first time, in the nation and language of Jews.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Orthodox woman a "cause celebre"

By
LESLIE GOTTESMAN

Leah Shakdiel

For a large proportion of the Israeli population, the proverbial "Woman of Valor" may well refer, in recent months, to Leah Shakdiel, a schoolteacher living in a development town in the south of Israel.

The recent election of this Orthodox woman to the city of Yeruham's religious council, upheld in a decision rendered by the Israeli Supreme Court, has aroused controversy on some of the most basic issues facing the modern Jewish state. Inadvertently, Shakdiel has become a "cause celebre."

Both in the media and in person, Shakdiel looks remarkably similar to so many Israeli women of her generation in the religious-Zionist camp. Her clothes and bearing are modest and unpretentious. The beret that covers most of her hair, worn in deference to traditional Jewish customs of modesty relating to the married woman in Jewish Law, frames a disarmingly shy smile.

There is nothing conventional, however, in Shakdiel's determination to hold fast to principles and innovations that have aroused the opposition of numerous leaders of the religious establishment, including the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

Shakdiel moved to Yeruham, a development town of 6,000 comprised mainly of Moroccan, Yemenite and Indian immigrants, located 90 miles south of Jerusalem, with a group of young professionals dedicated to ideals reminiscent of the Western world of the 60s: peace, ecology and social responsibility.

In the course of the 10 years she has lived there, she married Moshe Landsman, had three children, assumed a full time teaching job and a position on the city council. But one additional dimension of this group, a commitment to preserve "halacha," led Shakdiel to a fateful decision: to accept an appointment to the religious council of Yeruham.

For millenia, committees of functionaries administering to the religious requirements of Jewish communities — construction and maintenance of synagogues, ritual bath houses, kashruth supervision, etc., consisted entirely of men. Although most rabbinical figures agree that these administrative bodies do not determine legal issues appropriated to the jurisdiction of male rabbinical authorities (which would traditionally prohibit women's participation). female representation in these councils is implicitly a departure from traditional norms.

When Shakdiel's appointment in 1986 became official, several members of the Yeruham council threatened to leave their posts. At a Jerusalem forum called "Women and Spiritual Leadership" dedicating the Lindenbaum Women's institute of Jewish Studies, Shakdiel said "I am breaking social and psychological boundaries, not halachic (legal) limitations."

When the chief rabbis expressed their opposition to the appointment and the then religious affairs minister, Yosef Burg, rejected the list of nominees, Shakdiel then petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court. Her appointment, however, sets no precedent as a woman previously served in the same capacity on the Beit Shemesh religious council and no one vehemently objected.

As early as 70 years ago, women delegates were sent to the World Zionist Congress. Backed by several noted rabbinical leaders, including the first Sephardi Chief Rabbi, Rav Uziel, the Mizrachi Religious Zionist movement in 1926 accepted women's election to public office.

More than sixty years later, the argument has been renewed.

The Supreme Court upheld Shakdiel's appointment, granting religious affairs minister Zevulun Hammer 39 days to seat her on the religious council. The Chief Rabbis of Israel, in response, accused the High Court of interfering with rabbinical authority and strongly discouraged the men on the Yeruham council from sitting with Shakdiel for "reasons of modesty."

"Only this time," says Chana Safrai, director of the Lieberman institute of Talmud Torah for Women, "there's no way to stop this development. The presumption that you leave all decisions in men's hands is not workable in modern times."

What is fueling the dispute goes beyond mere rhetoric. "The real issue," Safrai explains, "is not halachic-based." In an interview reported in an Israeli newspaper of the ultra-Orthodox community, Rav Bakshi-Doron, Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Haifa, concurs: "There is no religious problem with a woman sitting on this council."

And New York-born Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, spiritual leader of Efrat and dean of the Ohr Torah schools' notes that in the current situation, "Jewish Law permits the election of a qualified woman to a dignified position of authority."

"The government-appointed Chief Rabbinate objects to the intervention of non-halachic institutions (i.e. the High Court) in the autonomy of the religious sphere," says Safrai. "But the irony is that the two sectors are not separate."

Overlapping of religious and civil interests, frequently a point of contention in Israeli life, affects such key areas as marriage, divorce, conversion, burial and Sabbath observance. One case in point is the recent outbreak of demonstrations over the screenings of movies in Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Another is the case of the religious status of a group of Jews for Jesus who have petitioned the High Court to allow them to enter Israel on the Law of Return.

The implicit issue, in the Shakdiel case as well as the above, is whether or not the Israeli secular judicial system will recognize the jurisdiction of the Chief Rabbinate.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Early Zionists recalled at Yesud Hama'ala

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The manicured lawns, elegant houses and rows of blooming rose bushes lining the country roads of Yesud Hama'ala hardly hint at the ravaged history of this small settlement in the Hula Valley, a half-hour drive north of the Sea of Galilee.

For the visitor, however, the settlement and its carefully preserved Dubrovin-family farmstead, and the nearby Hula Nature Preservation, provide a glimpse into the early days of pioneering Zionism 100 years ago — and a restful, yet rewarding, few hours in a historic and beautiful part of the country.

Walking across low-slung wooden bridges that skim over some eight hundred acres of lake and swampland — about a 20th of the area of the original Hula Lake — the visitor can watch wild pelicans and turtles, multi-colored kingfishers and herds of water buffalo, and hideous batfish splashing in and out of the papyrus reeds.

But the Hula Lake, famous now as an important migration station for many varieties of birds, was once the notorious breeding ground of the Anopheles mosquito, bearer of malaria, the scourge of Yesud Hama'ala and other early Zionist settlements.

This dreaded disease that all but decimated the village in its early years was finally obliterated in the 1950s — at which time the Jewish National Fund completed the draining of the Hula, turning most of the area into arable farmland.

A multimedia presentation at the Dubrovin farm, a tastefully-refurbished early homestead at Yesud Hama'ala, presents visitors with the story of the pioneers who founded the village, and who stayed despite the ravage of malaria.

Yesud Hama'ala was established by a group of Polish religious Zionists in 1883. The group, led by Reb Fischel Salomon, was warned about the disease before they purchased the land. But, firmly believing they had found an ideal agricultural haven, they set up their village nevertheless.

One family lost 12 of its 13 children to Malaria. Another family lost seven children and then the only son, who had reached manhood and was about to be married.

The settlement was in financial difficulties from the start. The local Turkish overlord demanded high taxes, and failed to grant the settlers permission to build. They were reduced to living in huts made of mats woven from the papyrus reed growing by the lake.

However, in 1887, Baron Edmund de Rothschild brought a period of relief and high hopes for the settlement. He had visions of greater things for the village. He imported hundreds of rose bushes and encouraged the settlers to establish a perfume industry.

The village became a floral paradise, according to contemporary accounts. But the project failed when the rose essence failed to compete with superior European products.

Finally, in 1906, the Baron attempted to disband the village. But the settlers, who had survived malaria, raids by local Bedouin, and agricultural disasters, refused to give up.

As one group leader put it to the assembled settlers: "We came here before the great philanthropic Baron, and only God can move us."

Despite the village's troubles, it attracted Jews from all over the world. In addition to the original group from Poland, there were immigrants from Lebanon, Kurdistan and Russia. One notable addition to the village was a burly, 64-year-old Russian convert to Judaism.

Yoav Dubrovin, whose preserved farm house is now open to the public, arrived with his family in 1904, bringing modern Russian farming implements to Yesud Hama'ala.

He farmed his land, winning prizes from the British Mandate authorities for bull-breeding and chickpea cultivation, till his 93rd year.

His first son, Yitzhak, continued the family tradition, finally willing his farm to the JNF, which undertook the restoration of the solid-stone building and shaded courtyards.

Now, the restaurant on the farm, the multimedia presenttion in an air-conditioned hall, and the period-furnished rooms all provide a delightful setting for a learning experience, after a pleasant and fascinating visit to the Hula reservation nearby.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Parted ways with Likud

Energetic Weizman working for Labor

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Ezer Weizman

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The feeling "on the street" that the continuing intifada, and the political and economic uncertainty stemming from it somehow give the Likud an edge in the approaching elections, stops at Ezer Weizman's door.

"What feeling? What are you talking about? Who told you?" he counters immediately. Energetic, bouncing, impatient, he sits behind the desk of party secretary-general Uzi Bar-'am. Bar'am, Labor's campaign chairman, is in bed with severe back problems and Weizman is running the show from his bureau at party headquarters.

Without pause, Weizman plunges into his credo: the future of the State of Israel depends on finding the political way to relations with its neighbors, as it did with Egypt. Anyone who believes in the future of Israel in the Middle East, must support a policy which gives hope for the Israeli people. The past few years have proved that our leadership can provide that hope. The people must choose between a leadership which strives for understanding with its neighbors and peace agreements, and the despair, the 'no one to talk to, everyone's against us' feeling encouraged by the Likud."

Contrary to Likud's favorite accusation — that Labor is willing to compromise under any conditions from a position of weakness — Weizman asserts that he speaks from a position of strength.

"He who is afraid to change the border and thus enable driving to Amman in a car is in a position of weakness. I took part in the peace process which Arens voted against. Headed by Begin, we signed a peace treaty from a position of strength, and those who were frightened, headed by (Moshe) Arens and (Yitzhak) Shamir, scared Menachem Begin from continuing the peace process in the 70s. That's why Moshe Dayan, and later myself, left the Likud. Because they castrated the peace process and distorted the peace treaty.

Weizman is not presuming to have all the answers. "Only an idiot starts a discussion by fixing in advance on what he wants. But Labor is open to any idea which would promote peace, including changing the border with Jordan. Resolution 242 which is the basis of the Camp David accords, signed by Begin, talks of returning territories. The people of Israel committed themselves to that, with Begin's signature. People need to be reminded of that."

Weizman admits it's much easier to play on the taut nerves of the Jewish people, as the Likud is doing. It's the easiest thing, he says, to frighten a Jew who has always suffered by equating security with a truncheon, a tank and holding on to territory.

"But security is more complicated than that. It's military power, political agreements and above all peace, which will bring economic welfare. The United States is cutting down on its missiles. Is it abandoning its security?"

Provides security

The purpose of Zionism was and is to give the Jewish people security, says Weizman. "The Likud understands that too. Fact: Begin understood it when he signed the peace agreement with Egypt, then got cold feet.

Fact: in Begin's government, with Dayan, Yadin and myself, and Peres and Rabin in the opposition, we voted for the peace agreement with Egypt. For security we gave up Sinai and had it demilitarized. So that we could fly El Al and go on an Egged bus to Cairo, instead of getting there by tank or Phantom."

Herut insists on direct negotiations, scoffs Weizman. "With all Jewish respect, Herut's leader Begin signed the peace agreement with Egypt . . . where? In Washington, under the sponsorship of a foreign power, the United States. So Arens can stop talking about direct talks and start talking about a peace treaty. It's not the way you obtain the treaty which determines what kind of peace it will be."

Presenting Labor as the party which is selling Israel down the river, as Likud is trying to do, is an historical distortion and a lie, states Weizman. Anyone who agreed to Resolution 242 and the Camp David accords, agreed to change the borders, today's or 1967's, he adds.

Likud's policy is two-faced. If they want greater Eretz Yisrael so much, how come they haven't annexed the West Bank and Gaza Strip to this day? Weizman asks and replies: Because there is a demographic problem.

"Zionism, according to Herzl, Weizmann and Jabotinsky means a Jewish state with a Jewish majority, without harming the Arab minority. If we fail to reach a comprehensive peace, to which Jordan and the Palestinians are the key, we'll find ourselves in the midst of a large Arab population. A population which was promised, in an agreement signed by Begin, that we will take part in solving the Palestinian problem. Perhaps some in the Likud regret that. Arens voted against the Camp David accords. Shamir abstained. Let them tell the truth."

Asked about the [illegible]s in Likud's list, such as Binyamin Netanyahu and Benny Begin, Weizman says: "I like stars. But stars shine only at night. I live in the daytime. I don't underestimate Bibi (Netanyahu). He did a good job as an ambassador. Let him and all the others in the Likud prove their worth. Let them show us what kind of State of Israel they see in the next 20 years. As for Benny Begin, I wonder if he would have been elected had his name been Benny Abramovitz?"

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Undertaking to abandon wrongdoing

Process of vidui helps to create a better person

By
ABRAHAM RZEPKOWICZ

The legacy that Moses left the Jewish people is very great. Among the greatest of his gifts is that of repentance, teshuvah. Without the privilege of employing teshuvah, how could the individual or nation dare to face the Almighty after committing any transgression.

G-d, who is immutable, answered Moses' fervent prayers after the sin of the Golden Calf and transmitted this powerful tool to the Jewish people (Exodus 34:6-7). What greater gift can there be than to have a second chance? What greater gift can there be than to know that one is not eternally banished from contact with the Almighty? One major element in the achievement of teshuvah is confession, vidui.

The practice of teshuvah and vidui is very ancient. It was an integral part of the ancient sacrificial ritual.

When someone brought the required sacrifice in remorse for having committed a sin, *vidui* was required as part of the process for expiation and gaining remission of the punishment. The vidui would take place when the bearer of the sacrifice placed his hands upon the head ot the animal.

Although the most prominent example of vidui in the Torah is that pertaining to Yom Kippur (Leviticus 16:21), it is a practice that is appropriate for any time of the year. In fact, it has come to be practiced at very significant times in an individual's life — even at marriage and at the time of death.

The Talmud (Yoma 87b) points out that the statement, "Truly, we have sinned," is sufficient to fulfil one's duty. Other formulas have developed over the centuries.

One classic example is that of Maimonides (Mishneh Torah, Laws of Teshuvah 1:1):

Please G-d, I have sinned, rebelled, transgressed before You, and I have done . . .; and I hereby regret it, and I am ashamed of my deed, and I will never repeat it.

Whatever the wording, however, all authorities point out that the efficacy of vidui requires recognition of wrongdoing and the undertaking to abandon the sin forever. Otherwise, the individual is likened to someone undergoing ritual purification while maintaining contact with the source of the impurity. Such a circumstance is a contradiction of terms, and the vidui is of no avail.

Over the centuries, more elaborate and formal texts of vidui have been composed. There is the short vidui, Ashamnu, which lists a variety of sins, one for each letter of the alphabet.

And there is the long vidui, Al Chet, which also makes use of the alphabet convention.

The practice and texts of vidui, though appropriate for use at the time, have become closely associated with Yom Kippur and its particular association with teshuvah. The vidui is repeated 10 times in the course of the day: twice each for Arvit, Shacharit, Musaf, and Mincha services, once for Neilah, and one for Mincha on Erev Yom Kippur. The vidui just prior to the holiday was instituted, lest some unfortunate circumstance arise before finishing the meal before the fast which might prevent reciting vidui on Yom Kippur itself.

Repeating the vidui is viewed very favorably, since the individual is concerned that the previous recitation may not have been efficacious. Some explain the 10 repetitions as paralleling the Ten Commandments, which have been violated.

The Yemenite custom calls for 26 repetitions divided among the prayer services to parallel the numeric value of G-d's name, the tetragrammaton, or to recall the hours of the extended Yom Kippur day dedicated to teshuvah.

There are several crucial features about these confessions. Although they are public, they are general expressions. Though personal sins are to be confessed and fervently repented, to flaunt them aloud and in public is a shameful display of irreverence before G-d. The exception is in the situation of public knowledge of the sin or of ramifications regarding someone else.

A second aspect is the use of the first person plural in declaring one's sins. Even if an individual has not personally committed a particular transgression, the mutual responsibility of one Jew for another dictates a sharing of the burden.

A third element is the ability of each and every Jew to approach G-d directly with his confession and plea for expiation of his sins and remission of the punishment.

In conclusion, vidui is a commandment which offers the Jew a powerful means of maintaining his relationship with G-d. As the Malbim points out, the word, to confess, conveys the message that one should not cover-up one's failings. the more one seeks to evade the issue the more it will come to haunt the sinner.

S. Y. Agnon, in his book, Days of Awe, points out that there is a halachic principle that considers verbalization ineffective in the face of deeds. Vidui, however, is in a different category. Agnon points out that it is not merely the recitation of words. Vidui has the power to create a totally new individual.

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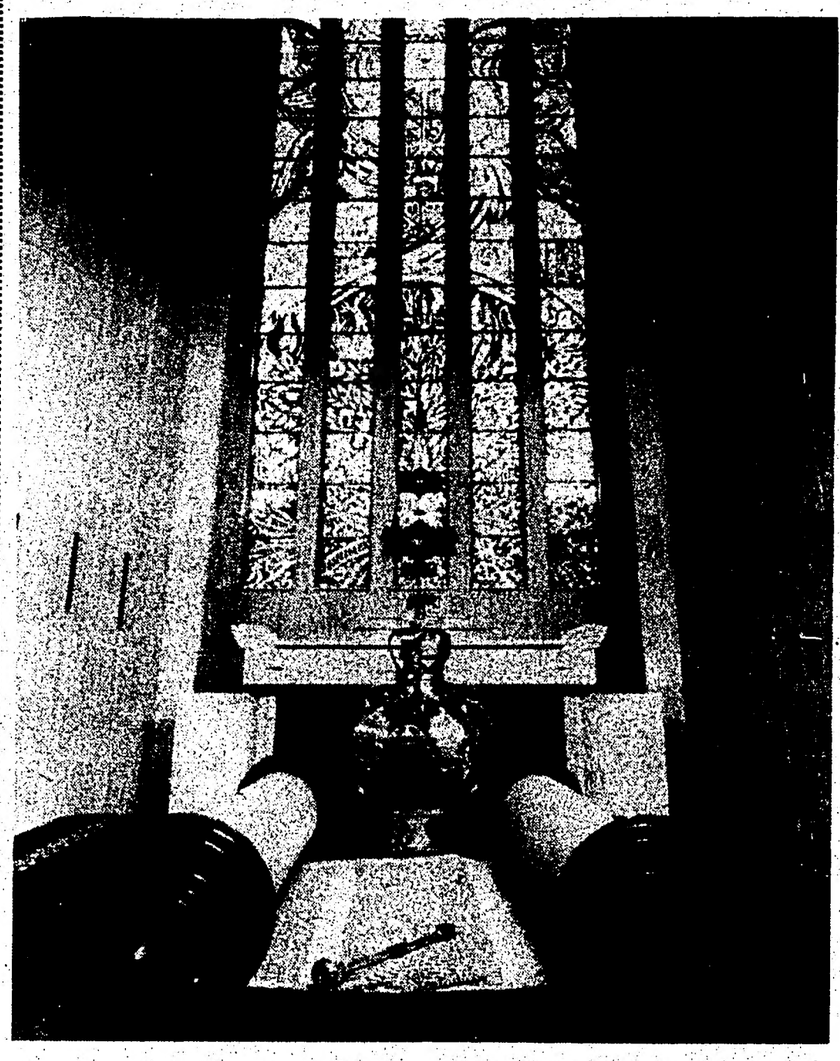

TORAH SCROLL
Torah scroll open to be read in Jerusalem's great synagogue.

Army figures high in Israeli film themes

JERUSALEM — Movies match life, and in Israel where nearly half the population don a military uniform (for periodic reserve duty) throughout most of their adult life, it's no wonder the army figures high on the list of themes in the country's cinemas, says Donna Schatz in the publication Keshet.

It's held the lead since the late 1970s. Earlier, the ethnic conflict — realized mainly in "bourekas" comedies, such as *Sallah Shabati*, was the top social concern of the day. These farces gave way to adolescent flicks which lasted until the Yom Kippur War when Israel-Arab relations became a hot issue.

The 1977 release of *Paratroopers* ushered in a new era in the screening of social topics. The IDF and its toll on the individual took centre stage. In Yehuda Ne'eman's film, Israeli myths of manhood imposed on youth locked horns with the reality of those emotionally unfit to meet the toughness military success demands.

A few years later, Uri Barbash (of *Beyond the Walls* fame) challenged the accepted ideal of Israel's humane civilian army. *Stigma* was the first of a genre to suggest that when in uniform, ethics — a hallmark of the IDF — can go by the board.

Nissim Dayan also pondered the problem, this time from the perspective of an occupying force and not, as previously, a fighting unit. On the surface, a love story (although a somewhat implausible one) between a decent reserve officer and a Palestinian teacher in Ramallah, *A Very Narrow Bridge* shows how hard it can be to stay decent when the locals hate you.

A patrol in South Lebanon faces the same kind of problem in Eli Cohen's *Ricochets*. Shot on location, the film dramatically documents a unit's last weeks of duty in Lebanon.

The men are in over their heads. They can't communicate with the villagers and question why they're there at all. Orders are disobeyed and severe morale problems arise for the army.

That's just why the film was made. Worried about a backslide in discipline among its forces on the northern front, the IDF commissioned Cohen to do a training documentary for commando courses. Cohen made a feature instead.

"I wanted to show regular guys in a difficult situation, trying to maintain their humanity. Some do and some of them don't," Cohen explains.

Other military values unfortunately do stand firm. The pursuit of glory and a soldier's deadly training can endure long after the khaki's hung in the closet. *Night Soldier, Flash* and *When Night Falls* all show violence, acquired in the army, brutally put to use back home.

On the home front there's also another kind of military casualty — the physically handicapped. Shmuelik Inberman spent five years trying to convince producers to back his script, *Don't Give a Damn*, based on a novel by the same name by Dahn Ben-Amotz.

It was too emotional, he was told. "But," Inberman says, "you couldn't stand aside when you saw hundreds and thousands of young boys, many of whom you'd seen running and laughing a month before, coming back from Lebanon blind or paralysed."

The lead in the 1987 *Don't Give a Damn* is a happy, well-adjusted high school graduate from Tel Aviv who's turned into a paraplegic in Lebanon. He cannot come to grips emotionally with his injury; bitterness pervades nearly every frame of the film.

Here's another myth shot down — war is heroic. The men in *Don't Give a Damn* are pained victims, and proud warriors. Although many do adjust to their disabilities, the film comes across as an anti-war statement. There's nothing noble in being marched off to battle.

Inberman claims the film is "totally real and believable." It's given people something to think about. Still, "there's been no effect on how boys see the army. War's war," he concedes.

Whether films about soldiers and their struggles will continue to pour out is unforeseeable. Eli Cohen has just finished a peacetime drama set in the early 50s and Shmuelik Inberman is working on a love story (the hero's in uniform, though).

However, as long as there are moral questions about the military, and a nation willing to face them, the genre may well be around for awhile.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Comes in variety of flavors

Making honey in the land of milk and honey

By
DVORA BEN SHAUL

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

When the spies that were sent into Canaan returned to base, they spoke of a land flowing with milk and honey. This sweet (throughout most of mankind's history the only sweet available other than fruits), has always been treasured and modern Israeli beekeepers are finding that despite alternative sugars and diet conscious populations, honey still remains highly popular with local consumers and as an export item.

Although a good part of the 2,000 tons of honey exported from Israel each year is produced by the large apiaries of kibbutzim, there are also a large number of private apiaries, ranging from small enterprises of a dozen hives or so to those with hundreds of hives.

Israeli Arabs and residents of the territories are among some of the most successful of the private beekeepers but it took them a while to accept that in Israel all hives have to be licensed.

The licensing is required in order to make sure that one apiast does not graze his or her (many good beekeepers are women) bees on another's "pasture" and to allow for veterinary inspection of hives. Bee diseases are taken seriously and hives many not be moved from one area to another until certified as healthy.

But honey itself is only one bee product produced for local consumption and for export. One of the most expensive side products of the hive is royal jelly, a material secreted by juvenile female bees and used to feed the queen throughout her life. This jelly is highly prized as a food and as a cosmetic additive.

Pollen from wild flowers is also collected from the hives and sold in health food stores as a protein supplement for vegetarians and, of course, the wax from the honeycombs is in high demand both for making honeycomb bases and for superior candles.

One of the most interesting hive products is prophylis, a black tarry wax secreted by bees and used as a calking material in the hive. This material is used by homeopaths and naturopaths since it has a strong germicidal and mild antibiotic action.

For many apiasts, however, pollination is where the real business is. There are a number of crops, particularly citrus, cucumber, melon, alfalfa and clover, that must be pollinated by bees.

Every year in spring and autumn, as Israel's two growing seasons approach, thousands of hives are hired for pollination and beekeepers all over the country are besieged with calls from kibbutzim, moshavim and private planters.

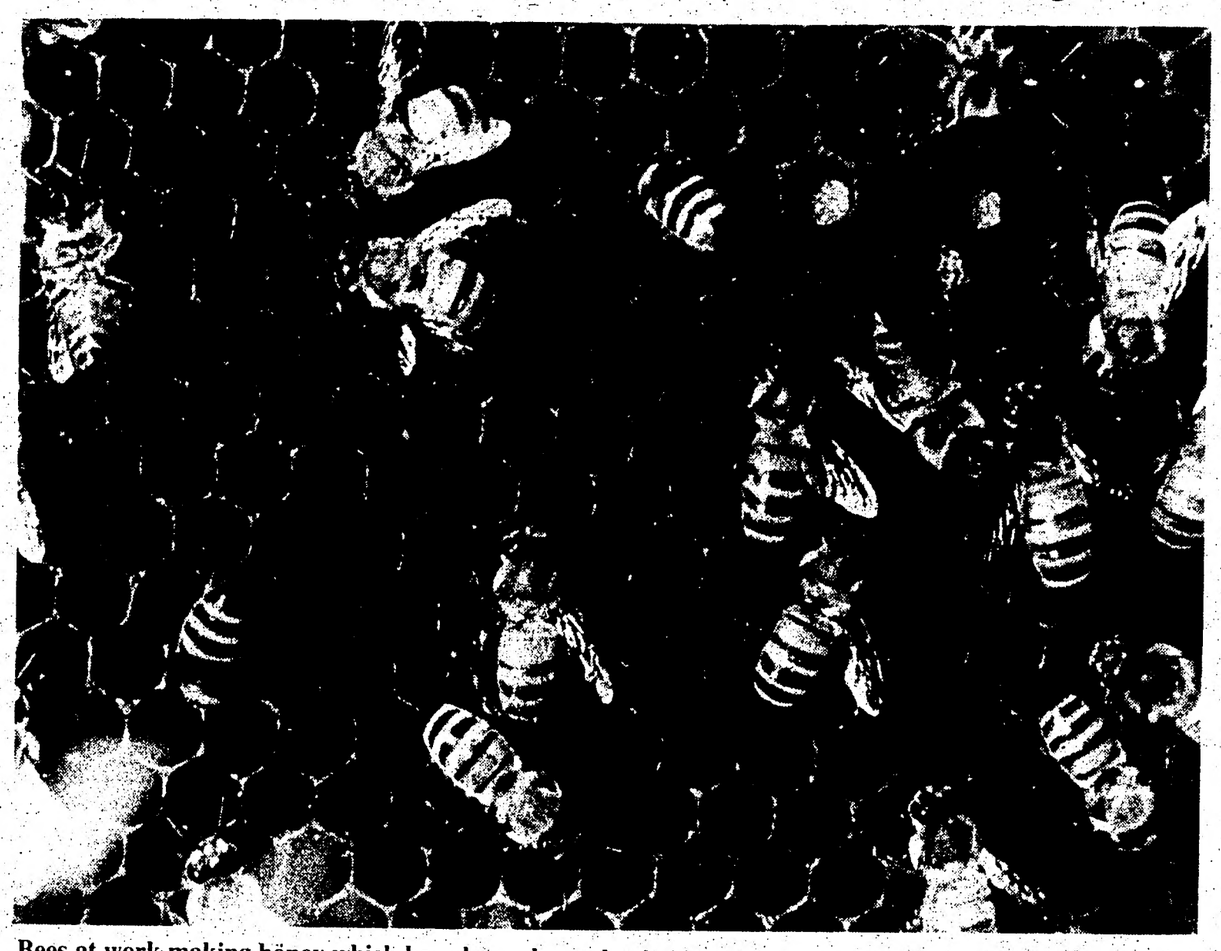
Sometimes, if a hive is not immediately avaialble, a farmer may have to delay planting for a couple of weeks in order to be assured that his crops will be properly pollinated when they blossom.

Israeli honey comes in a variety of flavors and honey lovers are choosy about which kind they want. Consequently some expert apiasts specialize. There is wildflower honey from the hills of the Galilee, and the earthy aftertaste and scent of a summer field, eucalyptus honey, starkly pale and lightly tangy, carob honey, dark and full bodied, wild herbal honey from the oregano plants in the Jerusalem hills that is prized by herbalists and, from the coastal plain, orange blossom honey, an all time favorite, with the lingering scent of an orange grove in bloom.

Most bees kept in Israel are of the Italian strain and all beekeepers invest regularly in artificially inseminated queens to ensure the purity of their stock. The Italian strain is valued because it is a good honey producer yet mild mannered and not inclined to mount an attack.

There is no point in allowing a pure bred queen to make a mating flight because the local wild bees are far stronger and faster than the hive's own Italian males and there is no chance of them competing with the wild drones and mating with the queen.

The local wild bee is stil present in large numbers and can be found in natural colonies throughout the hills of Judea and in the Galilee. Deep in a cleft between the boulders they produce and store their amber treasures, and one is reminded of the scriptures, "I have given you honey from the rock."



Bees at work making hõney which has always been closely interwoven with the life and land of the Jewish people.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Popular Imber poem has inspired Jews

By
DULCY LEIBLER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— A young man from Galicia named Naphtali Herz Imber, inspired by the founding of Petah Tikvah in 1878, wrote a poem about his feelings.

A farmer from Rishon LeZion heard the poem and enjoyed it so much that he promptly set it to music. The song, originally called Tikvatenu (Our Hope), later became Hatikvah, the national anthem of the State of Israel, and has lifted the spirits of Jews around the world for nearly a century.

Naphtali Herz Imber was born in 1856 into a Chassidic family. He received a traditional education, and left home at an early age to wander around the world. While in Constantinople, he struck up a friendship with Laurence Oliphant, a Christian Zionist, and came with him to Palestine in 1882, serving as Oliphant's secretary and advisor on Jewish affairs.

Imber stayed in Palestine for some six years, during which time he wrote essays and articles for Hebrew periodicals, as well as several poems.

Tikvatenu, one of Imber's most popular poems, was first published in 1886, although it had initially been read in public as early as 1882 to a group of farmers in Rishon LeZion who received it enthusiastically. Among them was Moldavian-born Samuel Cohen, who decided to set the poem to a melody based on a traditional Moldavian-Romanian folksong called Carul cu Boi (Cart and Oxen).

During the 1880s in Palestine, many tunes and adaptations rapidly became folksongs, and none thought of copyrights at that time. The Tikvatenu melody thus quickly became anonymous, and Imber's association with it all but forgotten.

Many changes were made in the original text of the poem over the years, and these have been traced through old song books, memoirs, and the like. Firstly, the title was changed to Hatikvah, then some words were changed to suit contemporary opinion, and later the Ashkenazi syllable stress was changed to the Sephardi stress, used in modern Hebrew.

But whichever way it was sung, Hatikvah was always inspiring. At the conclusion of the 6th Zionist Congress in Basle in 1903, there was an enormously moving singing of Hatikvah by all present. Since this was the last Congress presided over by Theodor Herzl, it is clear that Herzl did manage to hear Hatikvah before his untimely death in 1904.

The anthem was sung at all subsequent Zionist Congresses, but not until the 18th Congress, held in Prague in 1933, was it officially confirmed as the Zionist anthem.

By that time, Imber had been dead for 24 years. He had left Palestine in 1888 to resume his world-wide wanderings. Always poor, and frequently involved with Christian missionaries, his close friends often wondered if he had not converted to Christianity in order to escape starvation.

In 1892, the poet settled in America, where he was married for a brief time. It was here that his second volume of poetry appeared in 1900, a Hebrew translation of the Rubbaiyait of Omar Khayyam was published and some of his own poems and several tracts on talmudic literature were translated into English.

In spite of these intellectual achievements, however, he found it impossible to make a decent living, and in 1909, in New York City, he succumbed to a life of squalor, misery and alcoholism.

His poem lived on, becoming the unofficial anthem of Jewish Palestine under the British mandate, and at the Declaration of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, Hatikvah was sung by the assembly at its opening ceremony.

Those who believe constant repetition dulls the emotional appeal of a national anthem must have changed their minds when they heard Hatikvah played by Egyptians, during Begin's first visit to that land in the fremework of the Camp David peace talks.

In fact, the words of Hatikvah have a timeless relevance, a meaning for Jews everywhere, reinforced by both good and bad experiences — reinforced by wars and peace treaties alike, by both antisemitic acts and aliya.

Naphtali Herz Imber's words are as old as the Jewish people itself, yet they are also as young as the State of Israel, which took them to its heart:

As long as deep in the heart
The soul of a Jew yearns,
And towards the East
An eye looks to Zion.

Our hope is not yet lost
The hope of two thousand years
To be a free people in our land
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

(ההמנון הלאומי) הַתִּקְוָה

כָּל עוֹד בַּלֵּבָב פְּנִימָה
נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה
וּלְפַאֲתֵי מִזְרָח קָדִימָה
עַיִן לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה —

עוֹד לֹא אָבְדָה תִּקְוָתֵנוּ
הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שְׁנוֹת אַלְפַּיִם
לִהְיוֹת עַם חָפְשִׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ,
אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם!

Hatikvah, Israel's national anthem.

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Hundreds expected from around the world

Holocaust survivors' children to hold conference

By SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— The children of Holocaust survivors represent the failure of the Nazis's "Final Solution." But, due to their parents' traumatic past, these children face special problems, and many feel that they are charged with a personal responsibility to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.

These delicate issues and many more besides will be discussed at the upcoming First International Jerusalem Conference of Children of Holocaust Survivors, which will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel Dec. 18-23. The organizers are expecting hundreds of participants from all over the world and several hundred more from Israel itself.

The conference will revolve around three themes: the Holocaust; Jewish existence; and human dignity. Topics that will be formally discussed will include: the Holocaust in historical perspective; antisemitism in the wake of the Holocaust; pursuit of Nazi war criminals; the psychological impact of the Holocaust on the second generation; education for the third generation; and combatting denials of the Holocaust.

Billie Laniado, chairperson of the organizing committee, stresses that the conference will be less an academic affair which reflects on a tragic phase of Jewish history than a practical attempt to grapple with the contemporary problems confronting the second generation.

"The psychological problems confronting us, our parents and our children," she says, "and the best way to interpret the significance of the Holocaust and its meaning for future generations while ensuring that it is neither forgotten nor distorted, will be the items highest on the agenda."

A memorial to the Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust, at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. The effect is made by using candles and mirrors which create an infinite number of points of light signifying all the children lost in the Holocaust.

to my parents. They are unable to talk about the subject and I am unable to ask them. I learned about the Holocaust at school and through books and films. That makes it worse. All the most terrible things that happened at Auschwitz I imagine happened to my mother."

Laniado's story is characteristic of the children of Holocaust survivors. She hopes that discussing the subject at the conference will provide her with the courage to seek psychological help to enable her and her parents to overcome this problem.

But Laniado insists that, this aside, psychological studies in Israel have shown that children of Holocaust survivors are as emotionally well adjusted as the population at large. On the other hand, studies in the Diaspora have shown that children of survivors suffer emotionally from guilt and other insecurities passed on to them by their parents traumatic experiences.

"I'm afraid I don't know enough about the Diaspora to explain why this is so," she says. 'But the very atmosphere in Israel is therapeutic. I grew up in an environment where many of my friends had the same background and we could share our problems. And of course, the Zionist solution to the Holocaust, that we should be strong and build our own state, has given us further security."

Laniado feels that one of the most important aspects of the conference is that Jews from both Israel and the Disapora will be able to talk to each other about their feelings and experiences. She also emphasizes that everybody is welcome to attend the event, even if their parents did not survive the Holocaust.

"In a sense, all Jews are Holocaust survivors," she asserts, "because Hitler wanted to destroy us all."

Tree planting ceremony

The conference will be dedicated to Avi Erlich, one of the leaders of the Israeli Second Generation Organization, who conceived the idea of the conference, but died tragically last year. The principal sponsoring organization is the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, though individual participants will be asked to pay their full share of costs.

There will be a special liaison office to help people locate missing relatives, and activities will be designed to help bring together estranged people who originated from the same communities. As well as discussions and lectures, the program will include visits to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial and Museum, and the Museum of the Diaspora, Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot (set up by the survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto) and Kibbutz Yad Mordechai (on the front line in the War of Independence).

There will also be a tree planting ceremony in the Negev in memory of the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto.

The conference has been timed so that it will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht and the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Organizers are also trying to arrange programs for the third generation — the grandchildren of the survivors.

"My own children have been fascinated and horrified by the Demjanjuk trial," says Laniado. "My 15-year-old son has made sure that all his class has gone along to see the trial. It seems that the third generation has already taken upon itself the burden of seeing that the Holocaust is not forgotten."

Father escaped invasion

Laniado is a leading member of the Israeli Second Generation Organization and her personal story is typical of its members. Her parents were born and grew up in Poland. Her father escaped from the Nazi invasion by fleeing eastward to the Soviet Union where he was imprisoned in labor camps. Her mother, a young girl of 12 when the Nazis invaded Poland, survived Auschwitz.

"But beyond these historical outlines," she explains, "I know very little of what really happened

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AJCS allocates funds

Montreal promotes new education ideas

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — For the past two years, Allied Jewish Community Services has been setting aside a sum of about $30,000 to be allocated by a Jewish Education Council committee to Jewish day schools who come up with ideas that depart from the often humdrum methods of teaching.

The JEC's Innovative Projects program, now entering its third year, offers seed money to projects that cannot be funded by the schools' regular budgets. The goal, said Harold Waller, who chairs the program, is to encourage experimentation in teaching methods or teachers' professional development.

Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools. The bank stores resource material for use in testing and evaluation in the social sciences in the secondary schools.

Waller said the JEC will fund only a portion of the total cost of a project, usually about 75%, and will not as a rule fund it beyond the pilot year. "It's up to the schools to then find funding if they wish to continue the project," he said. The maximum single grant to a project which benefits an individual school is $5,000, but may go up to as high as $10,000 for a project that may serve other Jewish schools.

Waller said in most cases, the money helps pay the cost of teacher's extra time or of hiring outside experts.

The project ideas must have the endorsement of both the teachers involved and the principal of the school.

An annual competition for the grants is held, usually announced in January or February, with deadlines for applications set around April. This allows the JEC time to determine grants before the end of the school year.

Who gets grants and how much are decided by a committee, chaired by Waller, a McGill University political science professor, and composed of Shlomo Shimon, the executive director of the JEC, and David August, currently a Jewish Family Services social worker and former principal of Akiva School.

There are always more applications than money available, Waller said. The committee, he added, tends to favor those projects that integrate the different facets of the day school curriculum: Jewish and general studies, or the various languages taught. But each proposal is judged on its own merits.

Winning projects for the coming year include a Bible laboratory at Akiva School, a French-language program in the kindergarten of Hebrew Foundation School, and an inter-community cultural exchange program at Jewish People's and Peretz Schools.

"In general, we have been pleased by the quality and range of the applications. They are a reflection of the creative thinking of the teachers and principals.

"They have been stimulated to go beyond the routine because they can see the rewards of an approach."

Teaching Torah, holidays

Ecole Maimonide used its $5,000 grant for a program of teaching Torah, Jewish holidays and Hebrew through drama. Teachers at the Hassidic Community School attended workshops on maintaining discipline in the classrooms. Three thousand dollars helped ensure that a grade 6 class at Akiva School could spend two weeks in France, immersed in French and gaining an understanding of European Jewish life. High school students at Hebrew Academy spent an entire school day studying the Arab-Israeli conflict, listening to speakers representing differing views and engaging in their own analysis, with the school's $1,000 grant.

With $5,000, Herzliah High School (St. Laurent) developed teaching materials for a program integrating the concepts taught in the Hebrew, English and French literature courses, to enable students to see their similarities. Gifted students at Solomon Schechter Academy were able to study archeology and other subjects outside the curriculum with the school's $2,735. United Talmud Torahs devised an objective Hebrew language achievement test for grade 6 students, working with a second language testing expert from Tel Aviv University. The JEC contributed $1,125 to the latter.

Innovative Projects grants are not only awarded to individual day schools; professional associations concerned with Jewish education may also be eligible. For example, a JEC grant helped defray the cost of a professional development retreat for principals and administrators of Jewish schools, and for the setting up of a computerized data bank for the

Dukakis urges Soviets to lift their barriers

NEW YORK (JTA) — Democratic presidential candidate Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts has called for the lifting of cultural and emigration barriers to Jews in the Soviet Union.

Dukakis' message was conveyed by his Middle East and Jewish affairs advisor Hyman Bookbinder, a former Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, at a City Hall memorial service for murdered Yiddish poets.

The poets were a group of 24 Jewish cultural figures, writers and dramatists in the Soviet Union who were killed en masse on orders of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin on Aug. 12, 1952.

Dukakis' entreaty accompanied those of Jewish cultural leaders at the ceremony organized by The Workmen's Circle, the 88-year-old Jewish fraternal organization which has annually sponsored commemorations marking the liquidation of the 24 Soviet Jewish poets.

Dukakis, in his statement, said "the massacre of these brave individuals continues to cast a dark shadow on the freedom of the Jewish culture within the Soviet Union.

"In remembering this day, let us renew our call on the Soviet leadership to lift all barriers to Jewish cultural and religious expressions, and to open wide the doors of emigration to those who wish to depart the Soviet Union.

"I commend you for your dedication and commitment to this important cause, and assure you that I will continue to press for these goals in the years ahead."

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Torontonian recalls event at sites of Jewish martyrdom

March of the Living confronts past and future

SHAWNA ROSE is a 16-year-old Torontonian who visited sites of Jewish martyrdom and heroism in Eastern Europe and Israel earlier this year along with other Jewish high school students from around the world in the March of the Living. Shawna describes some of her experiences on the trip which she says changed her forever.

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In order to examine my thoughts on every aspect of the trip, I would have to write a book. There are, however, several incidents which evoked extremely strong reactions in me.

One of these occurred in Czechoslovakia. We had been travelling for two days without sleep and we were exhausted. The facts and figures we were told numbed us. We got to Terezin, looked around and had our first memorial service with poetry, prayers and songs. Then, one of the teachers with our Canadian group started talking.

I really only remember one statement she made: Using the percentages known to us regarding the number of child survivors of Terezin, of the 150 of us there, only one would have survived. We were told to look around at our friends and try to imagine all of us — except for one — dead. The numbers then started to have meaning.

Cemetery run down

Another incident that comes to mind occurred in a little town between Warsaw and Cracow. We had stopped to give the bus driver a rest and coincidentally there was a Jewish cemetery in the town.

The cemetery was run down and it was very disturbing to see the gravestones lying on the ground or having chunks cut out of them. All of a sudden, we were surrounded by 60 to 70 children — none of them were older than 12.

They started spitting at us, yelling "Juden," urinating on the graves and saluting while saying "Hail Hitler."

I had always known that anti-semitism existed. I had known about the Zundels and the Keegstras of the world. Yet I had never personally experienced such overt anti-semitism. I can honestly say that I have rarely run into true hatred. Yet these kids hated me. They had no reason to hate me — yet they hated me passionately.

They had probably never seen a Jew before yet they hated us all. I was shocked then, yet looking back I now see that this experience helped prepare me for the rest of the trip.

I can only describe the experience of the next two days, Thursday and Friday, as one of riding on a roller coaster of emotions. Thursday morning, we visited Birkenau and Auschwitz. At Birkenau we saw the train tracks, empty barracks, and "beds," and by the time we boarded the buses to drive to Auschwitz, many of our eyes were red, I kept trying to imagine what it was like when those barracks were full and I wondered how even one person could survive.

After Birkenau, we toured Auschwitz, which is now one large museum. There were many blocks and each was a memorial for a different country. By far the hardest block for me was the one with articles remaining as proof of the deaths. One room was full of shoes. One room was full of religious articles. One room was full of suitcases. One room was full of hair. The list goes on and on.

The worst for me was the room full of artificial limbs, braces, and crutches. My father is handicapped. He wears a brace and walks on crutches. As I looked at the display, I would see him standing there with an eerie glow around him as if he were a ghost. I started to cry, and then to sob, and then I became hysterical. I will never forget the feeling that overpowered me and reduced me to nothing.

It was a mixture of fear, sadness, pain, sympathy and gratitude. It made me realize how lucky I am. I nearly collapsed and my friends rushed me out of the room.

The rest of our tour was also extremely emotionally taxing, yet once I had gotten past that room nothing hurt me quite as much. Immediately after the tour, we prepared for our march from Auschwitz to Birkenau. We lined up in rows of six (symbolizing the 6 million), held hands, and stood very close to one another. As we marched, I wanted to shout to the world "Hah!! You thought you could kill us all but you were wrong! *We survived!!!*" It was a march of defiance but it was also a memorial.

After my return, my mother asked me if I was dressed warmly enough. My answer was simple. We were marching, remembering all the people who had marched the same route in flimlsy pyjamas. What right did we have to complain of cold? The march was concluded by the singing of Hatikvah. At that point, I was again in tears. Yet this time, they were tears of victory and of hope.

We spent Friday at Majdanek — the best-preserved concentration camp. We saw three barracks full of shoes. we saw the gas chambers and ovens.

I had seen similar sights the day before but the last two "exhibits" I saw will remain in my mind forever. The first was of bones. I tried to imagine the people to whom these bones belonged. I tried to understand the people who could watch human beings be reduced to bones day in and day out.

Both these efforts, however, proved impossible. There is absolutely no way that a fed, dressed, sheltered, spoiled, 16-year-old from Toronto can ever understand what happened during the Holocaust. The more I tried to, the more I realized that I would never be able to.

The second exhibit was a memorial. It was a huge, dome-shaped structure completely filled with ashes. They were the ashes of my people found when Majdanek was liberated. My 10th and 50th and 112th cousins were in that pile. That pile was composed of ashes of hundreds of living and vibrant people.

I had never before heard the sound of 150 echoing sobs. People I could never have pictured crying were doing it around that pile. I could never forget that sound.

The first hour or so of the bus ride to Warsaw was silent. After that, though, the hope returned and we started talking and singing. That night, we all dressed up for Shabbat. We lit the candles, recited the kiddush, and ate a good Shabbat meal. Following the meal, we started to sing. There were about 500 teenagers from Canada, the United States and Israel in that room. Five hundred booming voices singing Hebrew songs.

At bar mitzvah parties, adults must encourage and cajole the teenagers into dancing the hora. We are usually too embarrassed to dance. Yet here, without any encouragement, 500 boys and girls were dancing. It was an incredible feeling being part of this group that is the future of the Jewish people.

Our plane landed in Israel at 4.30 a.m. and we went directly to the Western Wall. Just days before, I had visited Auschwitz, Majdanek, and the site of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Now I was seeing the holiest place in the world for me. It was not my first time at the Wall but touching it and taking it all in was overwhelming. Again, I felt my eyes well up with tears of hope and promise.

I felt this again on Yom Ha'atzmaut as I walked through the streets of Jerusalem getting "bonked" on the head by total strangers. Israel was 40 years old.

I thought about the day before — Yom Hazikaron — about all the teenagers who lost their lives for Israel, and about all of the soldiers I had met in the past few days, and I thought, "We deserve peace."

Every day during the trip we were exposed to some experience which evoked a feeling that will remain with me always. I must try to make others understand and feel everything I experienced. But how am I supposed to explain things to others that I do not understand? I do not think it is possible but I will try because it is my duty.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Majority unaware of heritage

Soviet Jews face uncertain future

By
DEBORAH LIPSON

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The situation of the estimated 1.7 million Jews of the Soviet Union (unofficial estimates put the figure higher than two million) has remained in the consciousness of the Free World and on the agenda in meetings between heads of state.

Just before Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Washington last December, a massive rally of an estimated quarter of a million people demonstrated their dissatisfaction with Soviet policy on the question of the right of Soviet Jews to live freely as Jews within the USSR and to repatriate to Israel if they so wish. Yet despite this awareness, the situation for the Jews of the Soviet Union remains ambivalent and unsure.

The facts of Jewish life within the USSR today have remained essentially unchanged: the majority of Soviet Jews know nothing of their heritage or of Jewish religious ritual and traditions; there are no Jewish schools, centres of Jewish culture or official access to modern Israeli culture or the Hebrew language.

The past year has seen a growth in ultra-nationalist right-wing groups within the Soviet Union, whose doctrines clearly include anti-semitic elements. While such groups (most active among them is Pamyat, Memory) are not official, they have, to a degree, been officially sanctioned.

Unofficial attempts to develop a Jewish culture have met with less active suppression than in the past. An unofficial Museum of Soviet Jewish Culture was opened in Moscow in a private home last January; the city now possesses an unofficial Jewish library and Jews in several Soviet cities performed purimshpiels to mark the festival of Purim.

Hebrew lessons are available in a number of Soviet towns and cities, and a new Hebrew ulpan was openly advertised in a local newspaper in the Azerbaizhanian capital of Baku in November, 1987.

These and many other small-scale activities, however, are far from constituting a fully fledged culture. Equally important, it must be remembered that they only reach a small percentage of the Jewish population.

In 1986, the number of Soviet Jews permitted to leave the USSR on visas for Israel was, at 904, one of the lowest annual figures since the modern wave of emigration began in the early 1970s. The figure for 1987, however, was considerably higher — 8,155 Soviet Jews left, and the 1988 total promises to be higher still.

In the first six months of the year, just over 6,000 Soviet Jews left on visas for Israel, and the monthly figure has risen steadily from a little over 700 in January, to nearly 1,500 in June.

Veteran Refuseniks Yosef Begun holding one of his two grandchildren, is seen here upon his arrival in Israel with his wife Ina in February.

However, the rise must be seen within a historical perspective, which covers more than just the last two or three years. Under the leadership of the supposedly liberal Mikhail Gorbachev, the annual figure is only a fraction of the peak year, 1979, when, under the more conservative Leonid Brezhnev, 51,331 Soviet Jews left on visas for Israel.

Emigration and applications for exit visas are still highly problematical as the Soviet government still only recognizes the right of Jews to leave for Israel in order to be reunited with first-degree relatives. Demands that they be allowed to leave to repatriate to their national homeland are ignored, despite Soviet obligation under international law.

If the requirement of first-degree kinship is strictly enforced, as it was in the first few weeks of 1988, the path to emigration will be effectively blocked to the majority of Soviet Jews.

While the past year saw the granting of exit visas to many veteran Refuseniks, among them the families of Vladimir Prestin and Vladimir Slepak, who applied in 1970, and Yosef Begun, Ida Nudel and Pavel Abramovich who all applied in 1971, others are still being denied permission to leave. Most notable among them is Yuli Kosharovsky, who has now been waiting over 17 years for an exit visa for Israel.

As of March 1988, some 2,500 Soviet Jewish families, about 9,000 people, were known to have been refused exit visas at some time and still to be in the Soviet Union. This figure of 9,000 does not include people about whom no details are available in the West, and it is estimated that the true Refusenik population of the USSR is two to three times that figure.

Many Refuseniks continue to be refused permission to leave on the grounds that a member of the family has access to classified information — a ruse, in most cases, to avoid giving an exit visa to a certain person or family. In other cases, while someone may once have known state secrets, this was such a long time ago, in many cases 15, 20 or even more years, that the claim that such information can still pose a threat to the security of the USSR, especially in an era of rapidly developing technology, is wholly spurious.

People refused exit visas on these grounds have no right of appeal, or any way of finding out who imposed the security restriction against them or when it will expire.

Others are denied permission to leave because of their inability to obtain the necessary financial waiver from family remaining in the USSR. The mere fact that there are no outstanding material claims against the applicant is not sufficient. A refusal by someone to sign that he has no claims can delay the departure of a would-be emigrant indefinitely.

To date, there is no Soviet law which requires someone to state his claims within a certain period of time or lose the right to make them.

For several months now, senior Soviet officials have been talking about new legislation, currently under preparation, which will resolve both these problems. As yet, there is no firm date when this legislation will actually appear on the statute books, or exactly what its provisions will be.

One of the most troubling aspects of the current emigration movement is the high percentage of Soviet Jews who leave the USSR on visas for Israel but choose to settle elsewhere. Since the last 1970s, the drop-out rate has fluctuated between 70 and 80%. In June 1988, it reached an all-time high of over 90%, spurring the Israeli government to toughen its stance on the issue.

The Israeli cabinet recently voted to oblige all Soviet Jews who have applied with invitations from Israel, to come to Israel, irrespective of when they first applied for an exit visa. In future all entry visas to Israel will be issued not by the Dutch Embassy in Moscow, but by the Israeli Embassy in Bucharest.

There can be no guarantee that the increase in the number of Jews allowed to leave the USSR and the more relaxed attitude to unofficial Jewish activities will continue. Soviet Jews, as a minority within the USSR, suffer from severe discrimination. Those who apply to leave, run the risk of losing a good job and security, to be replaced by years of a meaningless existence in refusal, harassment and possible arrest.

While the past year has seen the release from imprisonment of all the remaining prisoners of Zion, the future for those Jews living in the USSR or wishing to leave is very uncertain.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Reduce cholesterol in traditional meal

Rosh Hashanah foods can set pattern for the year

By
LESLYE BORDEN

Everyone loves Rosh Hashanah with its rich tradition focusing on prayer and repentance in the synagogue and sweet foods, flavored with honey, at home. All aspects of the celebration emphasize hopes for a sweet new year.

Rosh Hashanah marks the head of the year, but in more than a cyclical sense. A time for new year's resolutions, the holiday sets the pattern of behavior and thoughts for the entire rest of the year. Thus, whatever is done for the holiday should be done with special care, whether it is praying or cooking.

However, many of the foods associated with this occasion including challah, gefilte fish, and honey cake — are high in cholesterol, either because they are made with eggs or because they naturally have a high fat content.

One Rosh Hashanah resolution you can make that will improve your health and the health of your family is to reduce the cholesterol in this traditional meal.

Can you do this and still retain the wonderful food customs connected to this holiday? Yes, if you plan your menu carefully and observe some of the suggestions in the recipes that follow. You still can serve the same courses and enjoy a low-cholesterol, low-fat, yet traditional, holiday.

So, start your new year off right. Beginning with Rosh Hashanah, make following a low-cholesterol diet one resolution you keep the whole year through.

First, replace the eggs in the challah by using egg whites instead of whole eggs in your favorite recipe or by using egg substitute instead of whole eggs. The recipe that follows eliminates egg yolks and has the additional benefit of being made with honey instead of sugar, keeping with the honey/sweetness theme of the holiday. Make your challah round, instead of in a braid, to emphasize your hope for a well-rounded new year.

Instead of making gefilte fish, (chopped fish held together by eggs), try poaching fish in a court bouillon made similarly to the cooking liquid of gefilte fish. Observe the Sephardi Rosh Hashanah tradition of serving a whole fish, including the head, signifying the hope of being at the "head" of your peers, outstanding in righteousness.

By using the whole fish, you'll end up with some of the same tasty gel that makes gefilte fish so special, and you will have avoided the eggs.

Of all courses, dessert is the hardest to accommodate to a low-cholesterol diet. How can you make a honey cake without eggs? There are ways around even this problem. Rely on egg substitute and you will be able to serve a traditional honeycake that will bring joy to all eaters.

Here are some recipes to help you prepare a low cholesterol New Year.

EGG(LESS) CHALLAH

2 tbsp. or 2 pkg. dry yeast
Honey
Water
2 tbsp. (or less) salt
8 egg whites, at room temperature
½ cup currants
½ cup safflower oil
12-13 cups unbleached white flour
1 egg white
Sesame seeds

In a small bowl, combine the yeast with 1 tbsp. honey. Add 1 cup very warm tap water (warm enough to activate the yeast but not so warm as to kill it, about 110 degrees). After about 5 minutes, the yeast should start bubbling. Now it's ready to use.

In a very large mixing bowl, combine 2 cups water, salt, 6 tbsp. honey, the 8 egg whites and oil. Add the yeast mixture and blend. Add 6 cups flour, 2 cups at a time, mixing well after each addition. Then add 2 cups flour combined with the currants. Blend well.

Place 2 cups flour on a pastry cloth. Remove the dough from the bowl and place on the floured cloth. To aid kneading when the dough is sticky at first, lift the edges of the pastry cloth and knead through the cloth.

This way, you will use less flour and your bread will be light and have a wonderful texture. Knead until the dough is smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes. Add more flour only if necessary.

Wash out the bowl you mixed the dough in. Dry it carefully and spray the sides with vegetable shortening spray. Or wipe out the inside with a paper towel wetted with safflower oil. Place the kneaded dough into the greased bowl. Cover with a damp, clean towel and let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, until doubled in size, at least 1½ hours (or longer).

Spray two 9-inch cake pans with vegetable shortening spray.

Punch the dough down and turn out onto your pastry cloth. Divide the dough into two equal parts. Put one half back into the bowl and cover while you are working with the other half.

Roll this piece of dough into a thick rope, 24-36 inches long. Starting at the outside edge of the prepared cake pan, coil the rope in a circle, working toward the centre. Tuck the end inside the centre. Cover the dough. Do the same to the other piece of dough. Let both breads rise until doubled, about 1 hour (or longer).

In the meantime, preheat your oven to 350 degrees. When the breads are ready to bake, beat the last egg white with a little water. Brush this mixture onto the bread.

Sprinkle generously with sesame seeds. Bake 30 to 40 minutes, or until golden brown and the bread makes a hollow sound when you tap the bottom with your finger. Cool on wire racks. Remove from pans when still slightly warm. Makes two large loaves.

POACHED WHITEFISH WITH COURT BOUILLON

Head and bones of whitefish (extra)
5 onions, coarsely chopped
4 carrots, coarsely chopped
1 medium celery bunch, including leaves, coarsely chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
Whole whitefish with head and tail, about 3½ pounds
Lettuce leaves
Sliced carrots
Kosher unflavored gelatin, if necessary

Combine head and fish bones, onions, carrots, celery, salt and pepper in a large pan or fish poacher. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer one hour.

Rinse the fish under cool water inside and out. Wrap it in cheesecloth, leaving enough extra cloth on either end so the ends extend over the edges of the pot and serve as handles to turn the fish. Slowly immerse the fish into the simmering bouillon. Begin timing when bouillon returns to the boiling point. Allow 10 minutes cooking time per inch thickness of fish.

If the bouillon does not cover the fish, halfway through the cooking time, turn it so both sides cook evenly. When the fish is cooked, remove from the bouillon. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Strain the bouillon. Return the strained liquid to a medium saucepan and cook until the liquid reduces somewhat. If it doesn't seem thick enough, combine ¼ cup of cold bouillon with 2 tbsp. kosher gelatin. Add 3¼ cup hot bouillon. Stir until dissolved. Correct the seasoning. Add lots of pepper since the gel should be very spicy. Pour into an 8 x 8 pan. Chill until set.

To serve, arrange the whole fish on a large platter lined with lettuce leaves. Garnish with squares of the bouillon gel and carrot slices. Makes 8-10 servings.

LOW-CHOLESTEROL HONEY CAKE

1 carton egg substitute (the equivalent of 4 eggs)
½ cup warm coffee
1 cup sugar
1 cup honey
2 tbsp. safflower oil
3½ cup flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. ground cloves
½ tsp. allspice
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup raisins
1 tbsp. grated orange peel
2 tbsp. brandy or coffee liqueur

Beat eggs, adding sugar gradually until the mixture is very light. Dilute the honey in the coffee. Add this to the egg mixture along with the oil.

Combine the dry ingredients in another bowl. Add the raisins. Add this gradually to the egg mixture. Stir until well combined. Then add the orange peel and brandy or liqueur.

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees. Spray a tube pan with vegetable shortening spray. Line the bottom with waxed paper. Bake for 1 hour or until a wooden pick comes out clean. Remove the waxed paper before the cake is entirely cool. Serves 16.

Traditional Rosh Hashanah foods emphasize hopes for a sweet new year.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Museum a picture of Bedouin culture

BEERSHEBA —
The collection of stunning rugs in hues of red and brown hanging from the ceiling, would be a credit to the most exclusive home-furnishings shop on New York's Fifth Ave. or London's Regent St.

Their original location, however, was a Bedouin tent in the Negev. They now take pride of place in the Museum of Bedouin Culture at Kibbutz Lahav, north of Beersheba.

The museum has been built in the nick of time, so to speak. Bedouin society in Israel is in the throes of an upheaval which, in a generation or so, may put an end to the nomadic way of life. There is no other museum, in Israel or outside it, that gives as comprehensive a picture of the hitherto timeless Bedouin life.

The brownish, undulating terrain surrounding the museum is still flecked with huddles of Bedouin tents. Recent years have seen the addition of large green forests and red roofed cottages. At this meeting point of cultures, several Israelis have joined forces in a successful effort to preserve one of these cultures before its disappearance.

One of them is Orna Goren, a young anthropologist married to an archeologist and a mother of two. Orna and her family lived with Bedouin in the Sinai peninsula in the 1970s, when the territory was held by Israel.

At the foot of Mount Moses, her ever-increasing assemblage of Bedouin artifacts evolved into an impromptu museum, acquainting visitors to the area with Bedouin life. When Israel evacuated the area, Orna, her family and her collection moved north.

A similar collection of Bedouin folklore was developing in Kibbutz Lahav, in the Negev Desert, as a result of friendly relations between the Kibbutz members and their Bedouin neighbors.

The two collections were provided with a permanent home by the friends of Col. Joe Alon, who was killed by terrorists while serving as Israel's air force attache in Washington. The Bedouin Museum is part of the Joe Alon Regional and Folklore Centre built in his memory, and Orna Goren its curator.

Travelling through southern Israel, it is still possible to catch fascinating glimpses of Bedouin living in tents and tending their flocks of camels, sheep and goats. If visitors link these nomads in their mind with the ones inhabiting this land several thousand years back, in Biblical times, they are not far off.

The Israelites of yore lived in tents in the same desert, wore the same raiment, and had the same diet. The Bedouin themselves revere Moses, and attach many legends about him to sites in the Sinai desert.

There are some 65,000 Bedouin in the Negev, of which 30% are now already living in newly-built townships. The urbanization trend is booming, and by 1990, 70% will be living in stone houses. The older generation does not always look with favor on this development, and will sometimes take their tent with them when they go to settle in town. Thus, a frequent scene in a Bedouin township is a stone house with a tent in the yard.

The tent is one of the major exhibits in the museum — a real winter tent. In summer, Bedouin tents are made of burlap; for the winter tents they use goat hair, which swells up when wet and makes the tent waterproof. As in reality, the museum's tent is divided into sections for men and women.

The women (mannequins) can be seen preparing food, while the man is grinding coffee in preparation for the traditional hospitality ceremony. Outside the museum is a real tent with a Bedouin, who serves coffee (bitter) and/or tea (sweet) to visitors.

The Bedouin, most people would be surprised to hear, have entered the technological age. Many a Bedouin tent, for example, boasts a TV set and radio and pick-up trucks have taken the burden off the traditional beast of burden — the camel. But the camel still remains a source of wool and milk.

The Bedouin derives almost everything he needs from his animals. Camels and sheep provide wool for clothing, goat hair is used for tents, and all of them produce milk for drinking and making a type of butter and cheese. The meagre diet is supplemented by growing wheat for bread.

The museum's exhibits are backed by large photographs and color transparencies, and together they illustrate such domains as agriculture, religion, burial and marriage customs in Bedouin society. We see the clothing and jewelry they wear, their musical instruments (rudimentary stringed affairs, sometimes using army phone wire for the strings).

Looking at the makeshift, simple toys, one can certainly expect the children to make a great leap forward, even if they steer clear of electronic and computer gadgetry for the time being. Already many of the urbanized Bedouin children, visiting the museum, are baffled by many of the items displayed. Their elders are invariably enchanted by exhibits which bring back memories and recollections from "once upon a time", not so long ago.

The Museum of Bedouin Culture can be reached in 90 minutes driving from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. It is located 10 kilometres off the Tel Aviv-Beersheba highway. The turn off north of Beersheba is clearly indicated by a red sign in English and Hebrew. Visiting hours are Saturday through Thursday, 9-3, Friday, 9-12.

Guided tours for groups in English, Hebrew or Arabic should be arranged in advance, tel. 057-961597.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Appearance of IDF undergoes many changes

By
JACQUELINE HAHN

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—The informality which is an Israeli trademark often takes visitors by surprise. Indeed, even official IDF ceremonies generally lack military pomp and circumstance.

On casual inspection, for instance, there is little difference between the "brass" on the uniform of an active general and that of a lieutenant in the reserves. Appearances aside, there is a unique history behind Israeli military emblems.

Before the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the Hagana was responsible for the defence of the country's young settlements. It had only about 1,500 full time soldiers and rank was granted on the basis of merit, irrespective of time in active service or previous rank.

The Hagana had a formal command structure up to the brigade level, with members generally serving close to home. Because most of its members knew each other by name and rank, outward insignia seemed irrelevant.

In addition, uniforms generally came from the home: those who had served in the British army wore British uniforms, while those who had served in the French Foreign Legion dressed accordingly.

But shortly before independence, there was a massive influx of survivors from Europe. Almost overnight the Hagana's intimate character changed. In fact, the formal insignia in the Hagana were created only shortly before the War of Independence, following an incident in which a soldier failed to recognize his battalion commander, Chaim Laskov. Laskov, later to become IDF chief-of-staff, reported the incident to his superiors and steps were promptly taken to rectify the situation.

With the country still under British rule, it was logical that their insignia would serve as the Hagana's model. In the beginning, however, commanders and officers of all ranks were given small bands of blue ribbon to wear on their epaulets. This was the first distinguishing mark to be worn in the IDF. Still, the uniforms remained a hodge podge of various foreign armies.

The first attempt to standardize IDF uniforms came during the siege of Jerusalem in 1948. During the fighting, the fledgeling army managed to capture from the Arabs a warehouse stocked with British uniforms. To distinguish itself, the IDF had its own unique hat which bore a slight resemblance to the French Foreign Legion's hat, the *kepi*.

When the state was established, the IDF began to formalize its structure. The ground forces and the air force based their ranks on the British model, but established fewer ranks in the higher echelons.

An Israeli Air Force unit, whose dress consists of beige uniform and blue-gray beret with silver insignia.

The officer's ranks for the ground forces included second lieutenant (single shoulder bar), lieutenant (two shoulder bars), captain (three shoulder bars), major (single fig leaf), colonel (two fig leaves), general (three fig leaves), and lieutenant-general (fig leaf surrounded by olive branch). At this time, it was decided that all those who had held the rank of platoon commander in the Hagana would hold the rank of captain in the IDF.

But Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, who wanted to ensure a Jewish character in the IDF, was not willing to adopt the English names for the ranks.

A Hebrew purist, Ben-Gurion called in some of the greatest Hebrew literary figures, including Natan Alterman and Avraham Shlonsky, and asked them to give Hebrew names to the ground forces ranks.

The Bible became the main inspiration and thus, the modern Israeli army adopted many of the same military ranks which appear there, including seren (captain) and aluf (general).

The IDF underwent tremendous changes in its first decade. Progressing from a clandestine underground to an established army, it not only had to defend the imperilled nation's borders, but also absorb tens of thousands of new immigrants and create social, educational and military infrastructure.

The IDF was compelled to revise its concept of dress and discipline. This period, known as the "great change," saw the addition of the ranks of colonel and general as well as numerous changes in the ranks of non-coms.

The air force adopted the same ranks and insignia as the ground forces, using silver on a blue background as distinguished from the ground force's brass on red.

The navy, which had previously used the U.S. Navy's ranks and insignia, chose to adopt the same insignia as the rest of the IDF, but in gold on a blue background.

Since the "great change" there have been numerous minor changes, such as the introduction of the rank of brigadier-general and lieutenant-general in 1971, along with additional ranks since then. Meanwhile, numerous uniform changes took place as well. The combat corps were each granted their own color beret with individual insignia. Most units were granted their own unit tag.

Class-A uniforms, mandatory for all soldiers not in field positions, are olive green for the ground forces and beige for the navy and air force. The navy has an all white dress uniform for formal occasions.

Except for combat units, the beret for men is green and for women, black, with the brass insignia of the respective corps. All soldiers in combat units have a red background behind their corps insignia. The beret for men and women in the air force is blue-gray, with silver insignia. Women in the navy wear a black beret with gold insignia while men who do not hold officer's rank wear the traditional sailor's cap.

Since the establishment of the IDF, the armored and artillery corps have worn black berets, like their counterparts in the British army. In the 1950s, the paratroopers were issued red berets. Over the years, the Golani infantry brigade received brown berets, combat engineering gray berets, and the newly re-established Givati infantry brigade was issued purple berets in 1986. These berets must be earned, usually by running a grueling overnight stretcher march, which signifies that the recruit has passed a certain stage in basic training.

There are dozens of different shoulder tags which can either represent the soldier's corps or the specific unit, division or command. Frequently the tags are symbolic of the specific corps, such as the caduceus of the medical corps, or the balanced scales of the judge advocate general's corps.

While other armies may have a more polished appearance, the IDF continues to encourage an understated, unified army in which individual conviction and initiative make extravagant pomp unnecessary.

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Les Ballets Jazz gets choreographer

By HEATHER SOLOMON

MONTREAL — Argentinian choreographer Mauricio Wainrot has celebrated four birthdays in Canada. The first three were in Winnipeg, when he first ventured outside Argentina to be guest dancer and assistant choreographer there from 1975 to 1977.

On Sept. 29, he'll turn 42 in Montreal. And Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal will help him celebrate after appointing him resident choreographer following last year's huge success with three of his ballets.

Les Ballets Jazz loves Wainrot and he is so taken with them and Montreal in general that he's acquired landed immigrant status, hopes to become a Canadian citizen and has already gone apartment hunting.

"I chose Montreal because there's a humanistic sense of life and my work speaks about that," he explains, "Canada is a free country made by immigrants. The people are very open."

The humanism that he refers to in his works is there due to the inhuman political conditions that have marred his native Argentina, and is also an outcry against the Nazi occupation of Poland that his parents escaped in 1939, one month before World War II broke out.

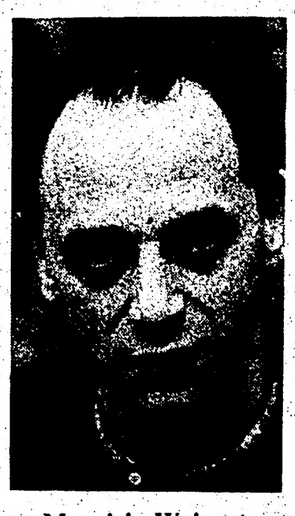
"They had to enter Argentina illegally because the borders had been closed. Their route was Poland to Marseilles, France, then by ship via the Panama Canal and on to Bolivia. They left all their belongings in Bolivia; my father hid in the trunk of a car to cross the border. My mother locked herself in a train washroom for two days to travel the 2,500 kilometres to Buenos Aires," he recounts.

Wainrot feels that the most powerful work of the 20 dances he has choreographed over his career is a ballet he calls Anne Frank. It won the 1984 award for best ballet when he created it for the Ballet Contemporanio del Teatro Municipal San Martin de Buenos Aires of which he was artistic director for five years.

"I used the Anne Frank story as a symbol of how we lived in Argentina during the military junta and of how there are more than 30,000 missing people for no reason," he says.

It is this ballet that brought him to the attention of the director of Sweden's important Goteborg Opera who asked him to teach it to his company. Wainrot and the dancers were ready for the premiere when tragedy struck: Prime Minister Olaf Palme of Sweden was assassinated.

"Instead of cancelling the performance, the director let the show go on as a tribute to Palme because of the anti-violence theme of the ballet. It was the only entertainment in Sweden



Mauricio Wainrot

that day and the audience formed a procession with candles outside before curtain-time. It was incredible."

The ballet was then performed twice in West Germany by different companies and will soon be staged by the Cincinnati Ballet. For the past three years, since Sweden, Wainrot has been globe-trotting to choreograph companies of international repute.

These include Israel's Bat-Dor Dance Company in Tel Aviv with which he worked three times last year, Maurice Bejart's Mudra in Brussels, the Wiesbaden Opera Ballet in Germany and companies in the U.S., Canada, Sweden, and Argentina.

Wainrot's choreography is remarkable for its deep characterization in that it plumbs his dancers' feelings. "I like to do theatrical work, stories, realistic dance theatre, surrealist and magic things," says Wainrot, "I studied classical and modern dance at the Teatro Colon, one of the world's great lyrical theatres, instead of taking over my late father's clothing factory and shops. My older sister was disappointed at first but my mother was always supportive."

Thanks to his early decision, Montrealers have already enjoyed three of his ballets jazz since Les Ballets Jazz's artistic director Genevieve Salbaing saw his work in Argentina and invited him to Montreal. Last year they were performed at Place des Arts as part of Les Ballets Jazz's 15th anniversary season.

One, a piece created expressly for them, is titled After and concerns the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl. Libertango is based on Argentina's sensual dance craze and Fiesta pits the individual against a crowd. Libertango and Fiesta will be screened on CBC-TV Jan. 22.

This season will feature a brand-new piece by Wainrot titled Janis For Joplin that Les Ballets will tour to the U.S. in October, Portugal, Spain and Italy in November and Athens, Greece in December. That ballet kicks off the company's annual tour of Quebec at the end of September with two performances in Laval before setting off for Europe. The Place des Arts performance of it is slated for next April.

Janis For Joplin picks up on the late singer's questioning of society, a favorite Wainrot theme, and exemplifies Les Ballets Jazz's ability to creatively combine classical and jazz movement set to rock and jazz music.

On Oct. 19, Wainrot makes a trip to West Germany to work with three different companies and teach a workshop at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Frankfurt, then to Cincinnati, followed by the National Ballet in Portugal and the Colon Theatre in Buenos Aires where he once was a student.

But he'll always return to his new home in Montreal where he has also located three cousins. "My place is now here. From now on, my base will be Canada."

Table pigeon a luxury item

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — An old Israelite delicacy is coming home to roost.

The table pigeon, used for sacrificial offerings by the poor during the First and Second Temple periods, is now being marketed as a luxury item by the ministry of agriculture. Officials in the ministry are hoping the pigeons will become a sought after entree in Israeli restaurants as well as a future export commodity.

Prof. Zvi Karchi, head of the ministry's department of research and development, revealed at a press conference that the ministry has established four pigeon nurseries, housing about 800 pairs of table pigeons, in the Jordan Valley. Because mild climatic conditions there obviate the need for winter heating facilities, Karchi says that Israel has a distinct advantage in pigeon raising over France, Hungary and the U.S., the current major table pigeon growers.

Table pigeons are strictly kosher, according to Rabbi Shlomo Henig, head of Jerusalem's Yeshivat Torat Emet and director of the Chabad organization's Jerusalem kashrut outreach program.

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Israel converts to coal power to cut its dependence on oil

By
SIMON GRIVER

HADERA (WZPS) — The Meor David power station near Hadera is the first of a new type of power station in Israel, because it is fuelled by coal rather than oil, representing a government policy to reduce dependence on oil. When the power station currently under construction in Ashkelon comes on line in 1989, Israel will be producing 90% of its electricity from coal.

Despite its reputation as a dirty commodity, coal is far cleaner than oil. The twin 250-metre high chimneys at Hadera belch out smoke that is far less damaging to the environment than the fumes from oil, which contain enough sulphur to cause respiratory problems in human beings and to damage vegetation.

But as Menachem Snir, deputy director-general of the National Coal Supply Corp. (owned 75% by the government and 25% by the electricity corp.) reveals, coal's ecological advantages are a fortunate secondary consideration. "Coal's cleanliness," he explains, "was only one of several reasons for switching over from oil, for coal is also cheaper, more stable in price and available from many sources friendly to Israel. Unlike the world oil market, the coal market is not influenced by Arab interests."

Residual fuel oil for power stations costs $50 per ton compared to the steam coal used at Hadera which costs $60 per ton. However, because coal's calorific value is lower than oil, it burns 50% more efficiently, making a saving on present prices of $25 per ton.

Coal's stable prices are a great advantage, for while oil prices fell by 50% in 1986 and zoomed back up this year, coal prices varied by only 10%. Thus long term budgeting and planning with coal is far easier than with oil.

During 1986, Israel imported 3.1 million tons of coal. More than 60% of this amount came from South Africa, 20% from Australia, 7% from the U.S. and the rest from other sources including Britain and Colombia. In line with international sanctions against South Africa, however, the percentage of coal imports from that country is being lowered.

Israel's coal conversion policy was initiated in the mid-70s during the oil crisis following the Yom Kippur War, when oil prices soared and sources of oil for Israel became uncertain. Originally know as MD (Mehatzit Haderech — meaning the half way point, i.e between Tel Aviv and Haifa), the initials for the Hadera plant were retained after the death of Knesset Member David Schiffman, in 1980, who was the head of the power station's management committee. It then became known as Meor David — from the light of David.

Many sources friendly to country

The Meor David power station consists of four 350 megawatt units which came on line between 1981 and 1986. Employing 500 people, it has its own pier going two kilometres out to sea, where ships can berth to unload their cargo onto a conveyor belt which brings the coal to shore. A million tons of coal are kept in reserve at all times, enough to keep the country going for three months. The power station draws up 160,000 cubic metres of water every hour.

As well as its conspicuous chimney stacks, the 300-acre site has oil refineries in case at some time in the future the power station wishes to reconvert to oil. Except for several modifications, the new Ashkelon power station, which will include two 550 megawatt units, will operate on the same principle as Hadera.

In the past five years there have been three major breakdowns at Hadera, blacking out much of the country for hours, but Rafi Seidman, the station's superintendent, claims the lessons of these breakdowns have been learned and systems adjusted appropriately.

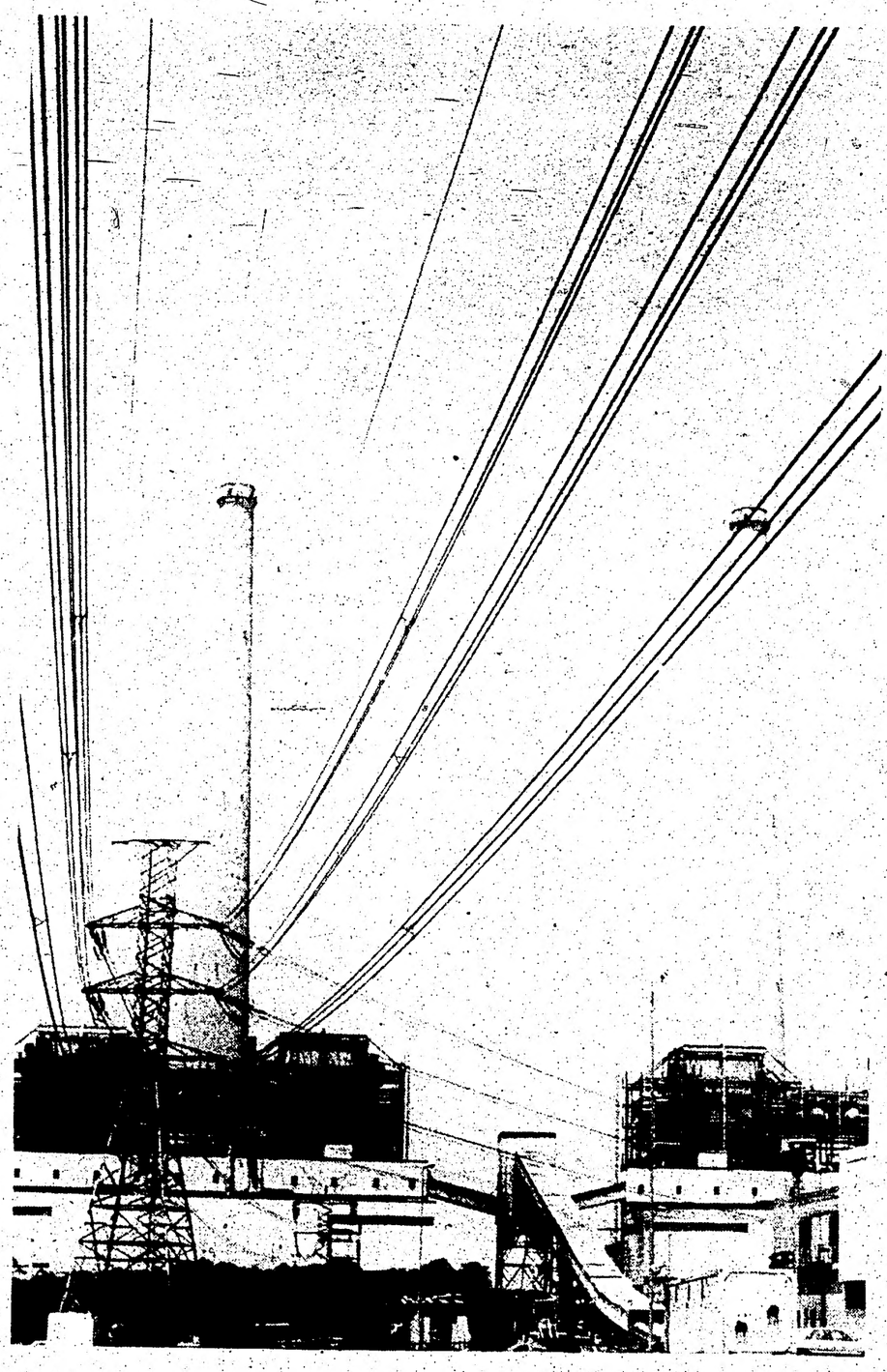
"The main disadvantage of coal," Seidman says, "is the vast quantities of ash produced. Some 10%-15% of the coal is left as ash." Half of the ash is sold for cement production, while until now the rest has been used to build a high bank for the power station's security. But now that the bank has been completed, researchers are investigating possible alternative industrial uses, and the ecological damage that would be sustained if the ash was dumped in the sea.

"Overall, I prefer working with coal to oil," asserts Seidmann, a lifelong engineer. "Coal simply washes off your hands, but oil seeps into the pores of your skin and eventually no amount of washing helps."

As if to underline coal's cleanliness, the Hadera power station was recently awarded the Council for a Beautiful Israel's 5-star prize for being an attractive work place.

By 1991 it is estimated that Israel will be importing 6 million tons of coal per year — double the present amount. Five million tons will be used by the Ashkelon and Hadera power stations and a million tons by industrial enterprises who are also being encouraged to change from oil burning to coal burning furnaces. To cope with this increased coal capacity a new quay and terminal catering especially for coal are being built at Ashdod port.

As Israel's electricity demands increase, a third coal burning power station is planned for Haifa, a sure sign that coal is an alternative which has the stamp of approval of both environmentalists, technicians and economists.



The twin chimneys of the Meor David power station in Hadera.

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Peace education seen as way of future

Children said scared about prospect of war

By SHERYL HALPERN

MONTREAL — Peace education — "as controversial today as sex education was a few years back" — will be integrated into the curriculum in another 10 years, according to activist Lanie Melamed.

Melamed, who held a workshop on Teaching Peace in the Classroom at the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools convention this year, feels that schools must teach peace. "Nuclear war is the number two fear among elementary and high school students — right after divorce and family break up."

Most of the elementary and high school teachers attending the workshop agreed. A teacher from Jewish People's and Peretz Schools commented that "Children are scared about the prospect of war — but they don't talk about it. We have to help them to talk about it." A Herzliah St. Laurent teacher added, "The seeds of war are built into Western society. I want to hear sounds of hope: there's too much reason for pessimism."

Melamed was introduced to the field only recently. "After getting my doctorate in adult education, I decided to spend the next five years working in the peace movement. A friend suggested that I become a peace educator. I had never heard those two words together before."

But peace education is "coming into its own," said Melamed, now a member of the Quebec branch of the Canadian Peace Education Network. "The Canadian Teachers' Federation has issued a policy statement supporting nuclear disarmament and peace education — and there is a Canadian Peace Educators Directory."

Not that it isn't a tricky subject. "Peace is political," she commented. "Once we take a stand on peace, we need to live our lives differently. Genuine peace isn't 'out there,' it's how we live our lives. It's a complex issue; it isn't neutral, which is why people are afraid of it. It involves worldwide social change, the difference in priorities between individuals and nations. It doesn't kill controversy."

She distinguished between teaching *about* peace ("all facts and figures and how-tos, about, for example, nuclear energy") and teaching *for* peace ("which involves a change in attitudes").

All workshop participants wondered how to teach for peace and about Israel. One observed that "The children work on two levels simultaneously — especially in the Israeli situation. One level is facts and context. The other level is emotional — 'Is it good for the Jews?' "

Books and manuals took the Jewish or Israeli angle into account: one, for high school students or adults, was *Preventing the Nuclear Holocaust: A Jewish Response* by Rabbi David Saperstein, published in 1983 by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. For elementary grades, there was *My Shalom, My Peace*, with poems and drawings by Arab and Jewish children. Melamed also mentioned PEN's peace film videotapes (with six films included) and the National Film Board's peace film list.

One participant was already familiar with the concept of "teaching peace": a librarian at Solomon Schechter Academy noted that some of the material had been borrowed from her school. Another, a JPPS teacher, was pleased to find that "with the amount of material available at the elementary school level, a teacher could build a spiral program in a way that would teach for peace, not only about peace."

For more information on teaching peace or on the Peace Education Network, call Melamed at 486-3215.

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Only a dozen original families remain in Dominican Republic town

Jewish community has remarkable story

By
MARLO FIELDSTONE

SOSUA, Dominican Republic —

Arturo Kirchheimer, 79, is a one-man ambassador extraordinaire of Sosua, a tranquil town of 10,000 on the north coast of the Dominican Republic in the Carribbean.

Arturo, as he is fondly called, is one of the founding fathers of a once thriving Jewish agricultutral colony in Sosua.

On a warm summer afternoon he wistfully gazes at the tranquil and crystal clear bay of Sosua with its miles of amber-colored beaches. He shifts his gaze to the lush tropical growth and enthusiastically affirms in German, "We definitely have a small slice of paradise here!"

Nearly a half century ago, after the fall of France, German-born Arturo and his wife and daughter were far from this idyllic setting. They, like other Jews were trapped in a series of internment camps occupied by the Nazis under conditions of starvation and brutality.

Fatefully, four months later they were visited by Jewish-American representatives of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association (DORSA). The organization was formed in 1939 by an American-Jewish philanthropic group in response to the huge Jewish refugee problem in Europe.

The DORSA group selected 51 refugees, out of 1,000 volunteers, to emigrate to the Dominican Republic to form an agricultural colony.

Selection was narrow and exclusive, the majority were single men up to the age of 40, physically strong and experienced in farm work.

In July 1941, Kirchheimer and his family arrived in Sosua. The colony purchased a 26,000-acre tract of hilly woods and bush with several malaria-ridden marshes, few passable roads, and a beautiful beach on the Atlantic. The land was already occupied by an earlier group of Jewish settlers who arrived in 1940.

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Casa Grande, one of the original Dorsa administration buildings. The plaque commemorates the founding of hte Sosua settlement in 1941. [Marlo Fieldstone photo]

When the various groups of Jewish settlers arrived at the nearby harbor of Puerto Plata, they were given an enthusiastic welcome by both the Dominican government officials and the local population.

The fateful story of the Jewish settlement at Sosua actually begins in 1938 when a refugee conference met in the spa resort of Evian-Les-Bains at the invitation of U.S. president Franklin Roosevelt. Thirty-two nations firmly declined to open their doors to European Jews except for one notable exception, the Dominican Republic whose dictator, Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, specifically invited 100,000 Jews to settle in Sosua.

The late Trujillo's reign of terror which murdered thousands still elicits feelings of hatred among native Dominicans. In contrast, the Jewish community has always acknowledged Trujillo as their savior. Kirchheimer aptly states his debt," I give thanks to Trujillo . . . he saved my life!"

The question arises why did Trujillo, who ruled his country with an iron fist for 31 years, make such a generous gesture towards the persecuted Jews?

He had a variety of motives. Trujillo, although a mulatto himself, believed firmly in the superiority of the white race. In 1937 he ordered the slaughter of 20,000 black Haitians residing in the Dominican Republic.

Trujillo's image in the U.S. was then strained. The dictator wanted to maintain the best possible relationship with the U.S., which has exercised profound economic and miltary influence on the Dominican Republic.

In 1939, he believed his role as savior of the persecuted European Jews would polish up his tarnished image with Roosevelt. Indeed Trujillo's gesture was soon to pay dividends. At the end of 1940, the United States Export-Import Bank gave Trujillo's government a credit of $3 million.

Secondly, Trujillo wanted to "whiten" his population. His racist hopes were realized. About 50% of the settlers married native Dominican women. Intermarriage among the second generation is even greater.

In 1941, between 600 and 700 settlers arrived in the colony. They had the formidable task of adjusting to an alien climate, culture and harsh physical conditions increased by back-breaking farm work.

Kirchheimer came from Hamburg and worked with the fashion house of Christian Dior. As a persecuted refugee in Lichtenstein he gained some farming experience which gave him the necessary skills to build one of the first successful cattle and dairy farms.

Looking back, he laughs at the colony's first attempt at a crop. "We grew carrots and the land was so infertile that the whole shipment of carrots ended up as feed for the horses at the Santiago racetrack."

The colony began to specialize into its most promising enterprise, cattle breeding and dairy farming. Kirchheimer proudly displays his roomful of trophies for bull and pig breeding.

The most successful settlers established a dairy and a meat processing plant called Productos Sosua. Later on a pharmacy, a co-op bank and a modern supermarket developed out of this enterprise.

At present the dairy is the largest producer of butter and cheese in the nation of 6 million people.

The company has a staff of over 200, and its production value is four million U.S. dollars annually. The present administrator is Joe Benjamin, 47, a second generation Jewish Sosuan whose family arrived in 1947 from Shanghai. He has inherited his father's share in the company and is an owner of hotels in Sosua.

Arturo Kirchheimer

He admits candidly that "Sosua is only a paradise for the wealthy." The small remaining Jewish population has prospered and has diversified into the mammoth tourist industry by developing condominiums and hotels.

Sosua as a Jewish community is dying. There are only a dozen original settler families remaining with the bulk made of widows. The mean age of its settlers is 75 years. Occasionally, the community has a Shabbat service. A minyan can only be created by using its women worshippers although services are reinforced by the growing number of Jewish American and Canadian tourists.

The community has had no rabbi since the last one died 14 years ago. There is no Jewish education and the third generation of children lack any definite Jewish identity. The last major holiday that was celebrated communally was a Passover seder in 1985.

The slow decline of the Jewish community was due mainly to the emigration of the majority of settlers after World War II. The prime reason for this mass exodus was the inability of refugees who were urbanites to adjust to the rigors of rural life.

Many ex-Sosuans now live in Miami. Most of their children left Sosua to be educated in the United States, and subsequently married and settled there.

Frances Henry, an anthropology professor at York University, along with several Sosuan settlers blame the Jewish relief agency who managed the refugee transfers for the long delays to safety. Tragically, this meant that less than 1,000 Jews had a chance to save their lives.

She scathingly concludes that "Sosua as a Jewish settlement as such will have passed into history." She mournfully adds, "the history of Sosua might have been different had 100,000 Jews settled there, but as it happened it merely became a way station for a handful, while the other 99,000 were annihilated in the Holocaust."

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JNF museum recalls founding of State of Israel

By SIMON GRIVER

TEL AVIV (WZPS) — A new museum recalling one of the most exciting periods in Israel's history, was recently opened in Tel Aviv by the Jewish National Fund.

The museum pays tribute to the vital work of the National Council, which was in effect a provisional parliament, and the National Executive, a provisional government, both founded in 1948, one month before Israel gained its independence.

The meeting hall on the second floor of the JNF building, the very room where the National Executive and Council, led by David Ben-Gurion, conducted their crucial deliberations, has been converted into an exhibition room. Colorful displays, documents and audio-visual material record the exhilarating events that took place prior to Israel's declaration of independence.

"History has proven that the National Council was right in declaring independence", asserted President Chaim Herzog at the dedication ceremony for the new museum. "It was a daring decision in desperate times." U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall had told Ben-Gurion not to declare independence and that in the event of a consequent Jewish military defeat, America could not be relied upon to help evacuate Jewish refugees."

In fact, it was the assessment of Israel's military strength that was the main task of the National Council and National Executive, which were established on April 18, 1948, by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency, who realized that independence was close at hand and that a small decision-making forum was necessary.

The documents displayed in the JNF museum, including minutes of the actual meetings, reflect the difficult decisions that the National Council was compelled to make. The most painful of these decisions related to the strength and placing of Jewish troops and what regions Israel could hope to hold in the impending war.

Ben-Gurion and his colleagues correctly concluded that a Jewish army could defend all the land allocated to the Jews in the UN partition plan, as well as Jerusalem. In the new museum, a large wall-map from the Hagana's archives shows the state of Jewish defence forces in the Galilee, Negev and Jerusalem. "We want to show the young generation how in the heat of battle, the new state was founded in the most democratic way," said Moshe Rivlin, world chairman of the JNF.

Indeed, democracy was an important concept within the National Council and Executive. The National Council had 37 members representing a wide range of thought in the pre-state Yishuv. While Mapai (Labor) and its allies, like Mapam, held a majority, the Revisionists (Herut), General Zionist (Liberals), Agudat Yisrael and even the Communists held seats. Mapai and its allies held the thirteen seats on the National Executive.

The Mapai representatives included three people later to become prime minister — David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Sharett and Golda Meir. The Communist delegate was Meir Wilner, who 40 years later remains a Knesset member for the Communist party.

The theme of democracy was also stressed by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat at the dedication ceremony for the museum. "Democracy and courage were the attributes that characterized the National Council", Lahat emphasized. "And these are the values that have come to typify Israel itself. Without them we are lost".

The spirit of the National Council lives on today in the Declaration of Independence. Signed by all 37 members, the Declaration embodies the principles of equality and freedom for all religions and races that Israel has striven to maintain. The documents on display offer insights into the lengthy deliberations that went into the writing of the Declaration.

Other exhibits bring alive this momentous month before independence, newspaper headlines of military preparations, a copy of the British White Paper entitled "The Termination of the Mandate in Palestine," and photographs of British soldiers leaving the country. On May 14, after persuading the National Council to vote for his proposals, Ben-Gurion declared Israel's independence.

The museum is filled with curiosities such as the postage stamps that were clandestinely designed and printed bearing the words "Doar Ivri" (Hebrew Mail) because it had not been decided what the name of the new Jewish state should be.

According to the JNF, the primary purpose in converting the former meeting hall into a museum is educational, an aim that was highly praised by Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the WZO and Jewish Agency.

"We must remind our children of their roots and history," Dinitz said. "For thousands of Jewish youngsters this museum will enable them to conjure up the atmosphere of those fateful days and make them determined to build on what their families fought for."

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LOU SELIGSON

Lawrence Lande, at 82, is over six feet tall, slim, sturdy and impressive, with white hair, trimmed white moustache, ruddy complexion and cultivated baritone voice.

In a tailored, striped dark suit and bowtie he could be taken for a diplomat, an ambassador, authoritative and moving with assurance on some mission.

He is, actually, an ambassador of sorts — politics aside — Canada's outstanding private publisher and collector of Canadiana, honored repeatedly here and abroad for what he represents.

Lande has been called a Renaissance Man, of wide interests, diversified knowledge and many talents — lawyer, merchant, publisher, writer, poet, composer, constant collector, bibliophile and bibliographer.

He is the ambassador from a special "fantasy" land of the whole man seeking fulfilment in the many sides of life, avoiding the dark and airless corners of narrow specialization.

The core product of this land is the collection of books, manuscripts, etchings and prints — 20,000, donated in 1969 to McGill University, 7,000 to public archives of Canada and about 3,000 books to the National Library.

The Lande Room on the 4th floor of McGill's McLennan Library holds the finest and most complete collection of original Canadiana.

In recognition McGill in 1969 awarded Lawrence Lande an honorary doctorate of letters — the first of a string of such honors and medals that continue.

A few months ago, Lande received the highest annual award for 1988 from the Library Associates at the University of San Francisco — the Sir Thomas Moore medal for his "eminence" in the field of publishing and priavte collection.

The award noted Lande's wide ranging collections in literature and history — of William Blake, poet, artist, engraver; copious documentary originals on Canadian history and magnificent published bibliographies with McGill University.

"Scholars using your collections today and many future generations will thank you and bless you for your work," the American library associates stressed in their award.

Collecting historically important material came early to Lande, the oldest of the Lande children (Bernard, Theodore and Gwendolin), who as a youngster wrote poetry, read fairy tales and collected things.

In one of his poems he said, "History is the infinite motion of God's hand on the pulse of man" and collecting original source material "is the bridge of the past to the present reality."

After taking a BA at McGill and a law degree at the University of Montreal, Lande joined his brothers in a General Motors franchise (Lande Motors) and after four years of selling cars retired in 1960 to devote himself fully to his books.

He is a publisher of his own works, each one handsome, unusual and rather rare — most in editions of 250 or less — handpressed paper, fine leather binding, illustrated and carefully printed.

One, printed with McGill at a cost of $90,000 in an edition selling for $1,000 apiece, has been called the most beautiful book ever published in Canada.

Lande lives, with his wife Helen Prentis, whom he met in Detroit in 1939, in a splendidly spacious house in Westmount just below the huge dome of St. Joseph's Oratory.

"I bought 12,000 square feet of land there when it was 10 cents a foot — way before the Shrine was put up," he says, "and built a small house and kept adding to it through the years."

He is usually up at 6 in the morning and after a hot cereal and megadoses of vitamins he begins the day singing in a strong voice accompanying himself on the baby grand piano.

"All my life I've loved two things — singing and collecting," he laughs, "especially Italian songs. I can't start a day without singing." And he goes full blast into O Sole Mio!

"My mother was a great singer," he says, "and I studied voice. Our family used to sing together around the piano."

Then he takes off at a fast clip for his long morning walk to his McGill library office, often thinking lines of poetry as he beats along, mostly downhill.

There, surrounded by glass-enclosed "treasures," thousands of tiered, shelved tomes in the 2,000-square-foot Lande library, he enters another world few Montrealers ever move into.

Scholars, collectors, historians, students and members of countless international writers and collectors organizations use this library for its original material to which he is constantly adding. Lande sits at a spacious desk to receive messages and visitors who want to ask questions of Canada's "bibliophile extraordinaire."

And when he finally returns home in the evening, Lande is again surrounded by himself — 18th century furniture, new collections (one of John Law, on economics, who introduced paper money into France in the early 1700s), walls decorated with medals and awards and books with the scent of fine paper and rich leathers.

And to make his delight complete he may, at times, hear the St. Joseph Oratory carillon ringing one of his songs.

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Pool becomes amphitheatre

JERUSALEM —

Israel's capital has a fairly new open-air concert hall, and like most everything in this ancient city it is laden with history.

Sultan's Pool, situated just below the southwest corner of the walls of Jerusalem's old city, is an artificial water reservoir designed during the Herodian period in the 1st century CE, after all possible means of storing water within the walls of the ancient city had been exhausted.

The pool is actually part of the Ben Hinom valley, a deep rift stretching southwards along the wall of the old city. The pool was created by building a dam at the southern end — no excavation was necessary.

After the decline of Jerusalem, Sultan's Pool fell into disrepair and was rebuilt by the Crusaders in 1176. They used it for washing horses. It was again rebuilt in 1536 by the Turkish Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent — after whom it has been named ever since.

Over at least the past 200 years, the pool has been dry. But during this time it has been used for threshing crops and as a cattle market. The dimensions of the pool are 180 metres long, 72 m wide, and 11 m deep. Today, it is part of the Jerusalem National Park.

In spite of its watery past, the concert-goers to the Merrill Hasssenfeld Amphitheatre (the new name of the site) are dry if not high, sitting in the valley between the Old City's ramparts and the red-roofed houses of the first quarter built outside the walls at the foot of David's Tower and facing Mount Zion.

The idea of a new use for the old pool was conceived by Jerusalem's imaginative Mayor Teddy Kollek. Concerts and performances have been taking place in the amphitheatre (seating about 8,000) for several summers already, by world-renowned artists ranging from the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Zubin Mehta and Isaac Stern — to Tina Turner, Ray Charles and Bob Dylan.

The main component of the amphitheatre is the unique stage facilities, excavated into the pool to a depth of 2.5 m. Underneath the stone and grass-topped roof is an entire backstage theatrical complex, including dressing and rehearsal rooms.

The roof itself serves as the stage, and has been designed to blend in naturally with its surroundings. All the electrical infrastructure has been installed underground, and special care was taken so that the lighting and fencing of the amphitheatre would enhance, rather than mar, the natural beauty of the site.

Each season, a number of performances at the amphitheatre — such as concerts, ballet and opera — require an acoustic shell. Because of the unique quality of the site, and its proximity to the walls of the Old City, it was decided from the start that the shell would have to be dismountable.

After studying a number of possibilities, an acoustic system manufactured by the West German company Mero was chosen. The system is based on a detachable metal frame, to which wooden panels are fastened. These panels provide the acoustic element.

The acoustic shell looks more like a modular sculpture than a shell, an airy pyramidal shape providing an interesting counterpart to the dominating mass of the Old City's walls.

The new amphitheatre joins such artistic facilities as the Khan theatre and entertainment centre, the official guest house of Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Music Centre, the Alpert Youth Music Centre, the Jerusalem City Museum, the Cinematheque, and lots of lovely green parks.

Cultural program for blind expanded

NEW YORK —

A pilot Jewish Braille Institute project to provide free audiocassettes of Jewish concerts, lectures and poetry readings for the blind and visually-impaired, many of them shut-ins, has met with such enthusiasm that the JBI has determined to make it a permanent part of its program, it has been announced.

At a recent meeting, the JBI board voted to seek an additional $75,000 per year "so that the blind and visually impaired can share in the cultural life of the Jewish community through monthly distribution of these audiocassette programs," said Dr. Jane Evans, JBI president.

The program was launched on a trial basis last October, when more than 1,000 JBI clients received, free of charge, a 2-hour audiocassette of a Sabbath morning service at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York. The tape, narrated by Dr. Judah Nadich, rabbi emeritus of the synagogue and senior vice-president of JBI, featured Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir singing several cantorial compositions.

The following month's audiocassette — 90 minutes long — contained two lectures, one dealing with Jewish women in America, the other on Holocaust reminiscences. Some 800 persons received this program. In December, the JBI circulated a 90-minute cassette of selections of their work read by six Jewish women poets.

Thus far, more than 1,300 persons have asked for tapes in the JBI concert series, nearly 1,000 have asked for the lectures, and more than 800 have requested the poetry recordings, said Gerald Kass, JBI executive vice-president.

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Major issues face Israel in new year

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

This is the time of year when we engage in retrospective moral stock-taking and make our plans for a better year. On the national level, too, the Israeli contemplates the year ahead, and the problems which will face the country.

In our annual Yom Kippur review of such problems this year we find that some previously listed have disappeared, and new ones have taken their place.

The following are the major issues which Israel must face in the year ahead, given in the order of their significance, as we see them:

1. The Intifada, the Arab street revolts in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Begun almost spontaneously, they have become a way of life to harass the Israeli authorities. Exaggerated media reports have transformed them into a public relations weapon with which to beat Israel, thereby serving to encourage their continuation.

2. National elections, to be held on Nov. 1, will determine who will control the government, Labor or Likud, and determine its policies on many of the vital issues listed here. Or perhaps there will again be a near deadlock, preventing effective action one way or another.

3. The search for peace. Israel's deep desire for peace runs strong in all its political parties. The problems are created by Arab extremism which seeks to destroy Israel, differences of opinion at home between the so-called doves and hawks as to how to achieve that peace, the new situation in the Persian Gulf, and pressures for international intervention.

4. The Israel health system. A malfunctioning of the country's health system, controlled by the government and the Histadrut, resulted in a prolonged series of strikes by physicians, nurses, hospital administrative staff and pharmacists. The helpless ill and aged were the principal victims. Only a thorough and basic reorganization of the system can lead to a solution.

5. Highway accidents. The deadly toll on the roads continues to mount from month to month. Occasional spasms of indignation and activity are followed by public apathy. Perhaps what is required is a single determined and charismatic crusader who will mobilize public opinion and needle the authorities into all the many steps which must be taken.

6. Economic situation. Some inefficient industries have been closed and others are being pressed into administrative reorganization. On the whole, the line is still being held against runaway inflation, despite pressures by vested interests of both capital and labor. The diagnosis is qualifiedly encouraging.

7. Internal religious conflicts. Dominance of Orthodoxy in public life is being challenged not only by secular interests, but also by the Reform and the Conservative. At times the conflict appears to be only simmering on a low flame, but all the elements are present for a conflagration and blowup.

8. Immigration. The trickle of new immigrants is still a cause for deep concern. Jews who want to come to Israel are not permitted to do so, and those who are free to come, don't want to. One suggestion that has been offered: Make aliya a major world campaign. Another: Make Israel more attractive for newcomers.

9. Tourism. One of the country's major industries has been sharply affected by what is called "the situation." Europeans, and especially West Germans and Christians, are still drawn to the Holy Land, but American Jews have fallen victim to exaggerated fears, oblivious of the fact that there is more violence and more danger in their own cities than are to be found in Israel.

10. Relations with the U.S. Bush or Dukakis, Republicans or Democrats, which will be better for Israel? It will only be long after the November elections in the U.S. that Israel will be able to determine, on the basis of actions from Washington, what change if any will take place in the relations between the two countries.

11. Water. This is a perennial on our list. In the short term, the crisis seems to have passed, but in the long run, Israel is still dangerously close to annual consumption of all its water resources. Any increase in use, or any decrease in resources, like a prolonged drought, could be catastrophic.

12. Yerida. The brain drain out of Israel, offset to an extent by an increase in the number of returnees, continues to be harmful to the national economy, as well as embarrassing and morally eroding. Yet freedom of movement is a hallmark of democracy.

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High-tech approach has new successes

Israel scores many agricultural firsts

By
LEE HADAR

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — A computerized mating system for cows? A tomato with a 4-week shelf life ? St. Peter's fish in the Arava desert? These are but a few of the unusual agricultural innovations Israel has achieved over the past year.

In keeping with what has become Israel's traditional high-tech approach to farming, the country's leading scientific institutes have collaborated with kibbutzim to come up with a surprising range of agricultural firsts.

For example, a tomato that doesn't lose its color or flavor for up to four weeks. Normally, tomatoes start to soften within a few days of harvesting. In North America, most tomatoes are purposely picked when they're still green, and ripened artificially with ethylene gas. This ensures that they arrive at the supermarket bright red, but the process takes its toll on the tomatoes' taste.

Instead, researchers at the Hebrew University's faculty of agriculture have performed experiments with hundreds of combinations of tomatoes in order to develop a new species. The result, the Divine Ripe Tomato, is the first tomato to boast a shelf life of three and sometimes as much as four weeks.

Tomatoes are not the only beneficiary of Israeli research. Grapes, apples, oranges and grapefruit should all benefit from a new method that prevents fruit from rotting. Israeli scientists have isolated a natural substance — a type of yeast — that stops the formation of fungi in fruits. The scientists are developing a synthetic version of this yeast which would be used instead of the more expensive and sometimes dangerous chemicals that are normally applied to fruit.

Israeli chickens have long held the world record for the number of eggs laid. Soon they may hold another distinction as the sveltest birds of their kind. Israeli scientists have developed a new breed of chicken that has 6% less fat than do her feathered friends elsewhere. The scientists have shown that slimmer chickens lay more eggs, have a lower mortality rate and of course cost less to feed than fatter fowl.

The lean line of bird is of the broiler variety that is generally raised for its meat. These svelte birds should be as tasty as ever though, since scientists have ensured that they have the same amount of fat as other chickens do in their meaty tissue. What is eliminated are the gobs of abdominal fat under the chicken's skin.

The same scientists are experimenting with genetic selection of chickens in the hope that their research will one day yield a lower-cholesterol egg.

Israeli chickens do not steal all the limelight, for the country's cows boast the world record for milk production — some 9,000 litres per animal. The high productivity rate of both chickens and cows is due in large part to the sophisticated Israeli-designed computer technology used to run and monitor poultry and dairy farms. This year saw the development of several new automated systems.

Israeli researcher with the Divine Ripe Tomato, the longest shelf-life tomato in the world.

One of them, developed by Anat, the computer division of Kibbutz Bror Hayil, enables a farmer to monitor every activity of his herd. Each cow is accorded a number which is recorded on an electronic device that it wears around its neck. Small electronic transmitters are then set up at key areas where the cow passes daily.

The transmitters pick up the cow's every action and relay it to a central computer. The system enables the dairy-herd manager to know the food intake and the milk output of every cow. It also tells when a cow's mating time is approaching and can even help select a suitable sire for her.

An even more elaborate computerized mating system has been introduced in the north part of the country. A computer program keeps track of some 90,000 cows in the region, noting when each cow was last artificially inseminated and which bull was the father. One of the chief advantages of this system is that it prevents incest among blood-related animals, thereby preventing genetic disorders and increasing milk production.

For many years now, Europeans have been able to go to their supermarkets in wintertime and buy fresh succulent fruit that has been grown in the Arava or Negv desert. The country's reputation for desert agriculture is well known. But if developments of the last year are any indication, then Israel may soon be equally distinguished for its desert aquaculture.

Aquaculture relies on the use of natural ponds to raise a variety of agricultural produce. It is ideal for a country that is limited in both fertile land and fresh water resources since the water used to feed the ponds come from natural underground salt water aquifers that are very common in desert regions. This is why ponds are becoming an increasingly common sight throughout Israel's Negev and Arava deserts.

In one of the more surprising spinoffs of aquaculture, the well-known St. Peter's fish is being bred successfully in the scorching Arava desert. Since ancient times the fish have provided a livelihood for many a Galilee fisherman, and are still one of the favorite dishes at restaurants that line the Sea of Galilee.

The fact that St. Peter's (or tilapia as they are known scientifically) are freshwater fish, did not deter Israeli researchers from trying to breed them in saltwater ponds. Zoologists at Tel Aviv University merely found a hybrid of the Galilee strain that is resistant to high temperatures and salinity. They also developed a new method of keeping the brackish pond water clean.

As a result they have been able to increase the average number of fish that can be raised in a square yard of pond space from two or three to a whopping 30. The annual yield — over 200,000 pounds of fish per hectare — is 15 times higher than that of a normal commercial fish pond.

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Professor outlines theories on teaching Jewish education

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — McGill University Jewish studies Prof. Barry Levy asserts that teaching Jewish texts to children "is probably the most important thing we do."

Yet for the students, these lessons are often exercises in sheer drudgery, an accepted but unwelcome part of the curriculum.

With a little creativity and the proper technique, studying Jewish texts can become stimulating and fun, Levy told a workshop of the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools convention.

Levy said "you have to prepare the tools. The medium is the message. The general approach is that we want them to know the content, learn how to study, and want them to want to study."

Levy starts with an "11th commandment: don't trivialize what they learn." The impression that what you're learning is "important and meaningful" is vital, he said.

As for specifics, Levy divides his method into four parts: text, texture, context and pre-text.

The first element entails simply reading the text.

"Texture" involves opening up discussions on the text's literary qualities, or "linguistic issues," as Levy puts it. This is a challenge since discussions will focus on such subjects as dialects. "You have to be more creative than social studies," he noted.

Teachers should also focus on the "crucial elements," and avoid making students learn such statistical information as how frequently certain words appear in the bible.

The context — in other words, evaluating the text — remains a controversial aspect of Jewish text instruction. Teachers are afraid to teach context, since it can create skepticism, but kids do it anyway, Levy said, "so my suggestion is to put it up front and let them evaluate."

Use creativity to stimulate

Levy urges instructors not to worry about the "heretical" student views that could come out of such discussions. "I can find a rabbinic authority for any heretic emotion. Don't worry about it. Context gives meaning."

The pretext aspect of text instruction entails the instructor comparing and contrasting texts from his own perspective. The goal is "to get kids to talk about how they study," Levy said, and to discern between allegorical and historical contexts.

By comparing learning processes, said Levy, children are taught how to think, the ideal of learning.

Ultimately, said Levy, children should identify with Jewish texts, but this can only be accomplished if boundaries are broken down about the perceived relevancy of texts.

"We shouldn't tell them every text is relevant — that's preaching. Selling the product can do more harm than good, so don't sell it. Teach it, and it will sell itself. Let the kids like the text, then we'll worry about getting them into heaven."

Levy also put forward a few ideas on keeping religious studies lively.

These include picture books for younger children. Older children can focus on discussing children's letters to God. The concept of perspective can be approached by examining newspaper accounts of a sports story from the winning and losing city, Levy suggested. Issues on science versus religion can be addressed by reading and discussing such works as *Inherit the Wind*, which is based on the famous "monkey trial" of a teacher prosecuted for teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

Levy also said that interest in biblical texts can be enhanced by bringing up anomalies: Why, for example, would one person be referred to by different names in the Bible? What accounts for apparent discrepancies in text?

"You don't have to assume every difference is significant, but make it interesting by comparing," Levy urged.

Levy reiterated that a greater appreciation of biblical texts can be inculcated by discussing their literary qualities — an example of prose or poetic composition whose merits can be examined on several levels.

He summed up as a general rule of thumb that the instruction of biblical texts be undertaken with an eye towards adulthood.

"If children can be comfortable with the text, we've accomplished our task," Levy said.

He reminded his listeners, though, that his message is one that he has found necessary to bring home annually to teachers. Levy joked "I preach the same sermon every year, like Yom Kippur repentance."

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Symbol of courage, dedication

Israel singer awarded top cultural honor

By
CAROL NOVIS

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Shoshana Damari received her country's most respected cultural honor, the Israel Prize for song earlier this year. The prize is a tribute to her status as one of Israel's best-loved singers, and even more, to her unique role in Israel's history.

For more than 40 years, wherever Israeli soldiers have fought or triumphs celebrated, Damari has been there. The low resonant voice and powerful stage presence of the tiny woman from Yemen have counterpointed the events of the new state. Along the way, she has become a national symbol of courage and dedication.

One of the experiences Damari recalls most vividly was her trip to Cyprus in 1947, with composer Moshe Wilensky, to sing to post-war refugees from Europe who were interned there. These were Jews who had suffered the horrors of the Holocaust, had survived and had boarded ships bound for Israel, only to be captured and sent to camps in Cyprus by the British.

In order to get to Cyprus, Damari travelled a treacherous road to Lod, which had been the site of many Arab ambushes, and then boarded a small plane for the first time in her life.

"I was two weeks in Cyprus. Stages? There was nothing like that. I stood on tables and I sang all over the camp. I even learned some Yiddish songs. When I sang Rozinkes mit Mandlen, some of the people begged me to stop, for it was unbearably painful for them to hear such songs again.

The most moving moment, however, was when I sang Habaita — Towards Home. I was the first Israeli representative most of these people had ever seen, and the song really had meaning for them."

To the refugee in Cyprus who had nothing left but hope, Damari represented the fulfilment of that hope. She recalls that a small girl gave her a bouquet of weeds, "more beautiful than any flowers I have ever been given."

Damari has personal memories of every Israeli war from 1948 on. Always she was called to sing; always she complied. In 1967, she was in the United States when the Six Day War broke out. She demanded a seat on the next plane back to Israel and got it. "They can't have a war in Israel without me," she said.

"I was in the Negev, the Galilee, everywhere. Sure I was in danger, but I never thought about those things." More recently, Damari has had the experience of singing to sons of the fathers she had sung to in the 1940s and 1950s. "The circle closes," she said. "I have sung to one generation after another."

Shoshana Damari

Damari has not only sung in times of tension. She sang during Sadat's visit to Israel; in a concert with Conductor Zubin Mehta on the night of the peace treaty signing ceremony; on the eve of the Six Day War in LIncoln Center with the Israel philharmonic; and during numerous Independence Day concerts.

But throughout the years, the essential component of her style has remained the same. The Yemenite influence is always present and her songs are personal, emotional, and frequently patriotic, with great depth of feeling.

Her throaty tone recalls Edith Piaf, although no one could call Damari waif-like. She is a survivor, who dresses in vivid colors and frequently wears a flower in her immaculately kept black hair.

Damari was born in 1922, in Damar, Yemen, a desert community on the shores of the Red Sea. The youngest of five children, Damari and her family left Yemen when she was 2 by crossing the desert to Aden and eventually arrived in Israel. Her father, a rabbi, settled in Rishon Le Zion.

Unusual for a child from a traditional Yemenite home, Damari's parents recognized her talent early, and sent her to drama school in Tel Aviv at the age of 13. The neighbors were appalled, but within a few years they would claim that Damari had brought honor to the community.

At age 16, Damari married the director of the drama school, Shlomo Bosmi, with whom she forged a deep professional and emotional link lasting till Bosmi's death last year. Bosmi directed her career and treated her like "a queen," she says; she still cannot come to terms with his death.

Damari still lives in the same modest third floor walk-up in Tel Aviv with her only daughter, Nava, a music teacher and painter.

As well as sing, Damari paints primitive oils which recall her youth, makes cushions and cloth dolls. She has had several exhibits of her work.

She is still in demand as a singer, and as the years go by, she finds herself more and more highly regarded. Last year, she recorded a duet with Boaz Sharabi, which climbed the charts, unusual for a singer who describes herself as "not a pop or protest singer, but a singer of the people."

She won the 1987 Kinnor David award, the local equivalent of the Emmy, and a new long playing record with songs written especially for her came out this year.

"My style has come back in fashion," she said. "Now you hear the Middle East influence all the time."

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Crisis in public domain in past year

Expansion of Israel's private sector marks 5748

By
SHIMON BEN NOACH

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— The past year in Israel has been characterized by continued expansion in the private sector and an ongoing crisis in the public sector. In spite of the Arab uprising in the territories, there has not been a recession, as initially feared, though there has been an inevitable slowdown in growth. Economic stability has been maintained and exports have soared to record levels.

Perhaps the major achievement in the last year has been continued public expenditure restraint, despite the fact that this is an election year. But there has been enormous industrial strife as a result, with strikes and sanctions for higher pay and sit-ins to prevent factory closures.

The best known victim of public expenditure cuts was the Lavi fighter jet. After the withdrawal of American financial support for this prestigious project, development of the aircraft became an enormous economic burden with a further billion dollars needed. A close cabinet vote decided that the Lavi was a luxury Israel could not afford.

"Continuation of the project," said Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, "would have meant cutting smaller items that together are more vital for the country's security."

All the Labor ministers were against continuing the project, while Likud ministers wanted to push ahead, with the decisive exception of Finance Minister Moshe Nissim.

The country's hospitals have also suffered from Nissim's determination to balance his books. Doctors, nurses and administrative workers have all held strikes in order to further their wage claims, and Israelis have been haunted by TV news pictures of unattended, chronically ill patients, and more recently members of the Nurses' Union on hunger strike outside the Prime Minister's office.

While many have decried the lack of responsibility of hospital professionals in striking, others argue that if doctors' wages are not raised above their current average of $600 per month, and those of nurses and administrative workers above $500 per month, then there will soon be a lack of good staff in the health system. "We cannot spend more money that we have not got," asserts Nissim. "If we grant a salary increase to one sector, all the other sectors will expect the same."

Israel's schools and universities are also facing similar problems with lack of budget. The trend in schools is for the wealthier parents to supplement their child's education with private afternoon classes, thus accentuating the plight of the disadvantaged. The position of the poor has been further aggravated by cuts in government subsidies which have doubled the price of basic food products and public transport.

At the same time no money has been available for bankrupt companies, like Alliance Tires, and privatization of government enterprises has further boosted treasury's coffers. The Paz Oil Company was sold to Australian businessman Jack Liberman for $95 million, and there are plans to sell off shares in Israel Chemicals and Bezeq communications.

This rigorous restraint has been felt necessary by the finance ministry in order to maintain stability. Inflation, which raged at a runaway 445% in 1984, now runs at an annual rate of 15%. And Israelis are not resting on their laurels, for there is a general air of disappointment that inflation in 1988 will be a few points above the target figure of 12%.

The fact that inflation has not been brought down at the expense of rising unemployment is a major achievement — unemployment too has fallen from 7.9% in 1986 to 5.9% today. Indeed, a recent report on Israel by the International Monetary Fund, described Israel's economic recovery as "one of the most successful in contemporary economic history."

Members of the Nurses' Union on hunger strike outside the Prime Minister's Office, July 1988.

The major reason for the decrease in unemployment has been the country's export boom, with exports climbing from $6.9 billion in 1986, to $8.2 billion last year and $4.8 billion in the first half of 1988. Israel exports 45% of its production compared to 30% in Britain, 16% in Japan and 8% in the United States. Exports include more than $2 billion per year in polished diamonds, over $2.2 billion a year in electronics and machinery, and more than $1 billion of petrochemicals and minerals.

Further good news has been the fact that exports have been rising faster than imports, with the trade gap narrowing by 8% to $3 billion per year. Foreign currency reserves, helped by the increase in exports and the stability of the shekel, have now risen above $5 billion. But the national debt, at more than $30 billion, remains high, and a staggering 48% of public expenditure must be utilized for repayments.

The narrowing of the balance of payments was also helped by an increase in philanthropic donations by world Jewry which reached $850 million in 1987. However, an 8% drop in tourism, due mainly to misconceived fears about the intifada, from last year's record of 1.5 million tourists, will cause a decrease of $120 million from the $1.5 billion that last year's tourists spent in Israel.

Aside from the negative effects to tourism, the Arab uprising has done little damage to the Israeli economy. A scarcity of labor in the construction industry has pushed up prices, and sales of Israeli goods in the territories have fallen, but otherwise the main damage of the intifada has been to the economies of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Governor of the Bank of Israel, Prof. Michal Bruno, contradicts predictions of a recession: "We estimate that economic growth will be 1%-2% in 1988," he says. This compares to the 4% growth last year and 3% growth in 1986 but is an achievement, nevertheless, considering that the Arab uprising has increased the defence bill by $500 million this year, has meant that reserve soldiers must perform 60 days duty per year, and has kept Arab workers away from their jobs in Israel.

The past year has seen the continuing move towards a more capitalist oriented economy in Israel, with public expenditure restraint, privatization and proposed tax reforms. These measures have undoubtedly made economic activity more dynamic, but many Socialists fear that the social costs will be too high and that the Jewish state will become a more prosperous but less caring society. Those for capitalist reforms argue that greater prosperity will benefit all Israeli citizens.

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Volleys of vitriol fly against certain state

By MARCEL STRIGBERGER

Since Israel's swift victory over its Arab neighbors during the 1967 Six Day War it has been fashionable for the world community to verbally beat up on Israel.

The volleys of vitriol have not been restricted to political and military events and in such areas as the following, criticism cannot be ruled out:

SPORTS: In the Olympic soccer semi-finals yesterday the Israeli team brutally defeated the Bulgarian team by a score of 3 to 0. The Israelis, although urged several times by the Bulgarians to be merciful and not score on its defenceless goalie, nevertheless turned a deaf ear to these pleas and still potted three goals, where one goal surely would have been enough.

The Bulgarian coach called the three goals racist and Zionist. The United Nations is expected to meet in emergency tomorrow to vote on the act of aggression.

TRAFFIC: Twenty-two South American pilgrims were slightly injured today near Jerusalem when their bus went out of control along a narrow mountain road after narrowly averting an Arab teenager who suddenly entered the road on his donkey from an adjacent path. Witnesses on the bus claim that the driver over reacted to the incident, jeopardizing the lives of the entire bus for one boy and a donkey.

Pageant called racist

On the other hand one observer on the bus claims the bus driver probably deliberately charged at the teenager, consequently losing control. He also claims that the police have attempted to whitewash the driver's actions as they constantly spoke in a strange tongue, believed by some to be Hebrew.

MILK: A gas explosion took place at a dairy outside Tel Aviv this morning causing the roof to blow off and smoke to billow for hundreds of feet into the air.

The Soviet newspaper Pravda reacted vociferously to the event claiming that the fumes from the burning milk are highly toxic and that the Russians feel themselves threatened as it is only a matter of time before a milk cloud reaches the Soviet Union, dropping its deadly fallout on Soviet children.

Mikhail Gorbachev would not say whether or not he plans any evacuations. He has however called the event a deliberate Zionist plot to contaminate the atmosphere of peace-loving nations, and has vowed to ask the world community to impose an embargo on sending cows to Israel.

THERE SHE GOES: Eighteen-year-old Dalia Rosenberg won the Miss Universe title. Fifteen Arab nations are meeting today in Damascus to discuss the gravity of the decision. The minister of cultural affairs and war for Iraq has called the pageant racist and provocative.

The meeting is also expected to be attended by the minister's counterpart from Iran, who, although at war with Iraq, has agreed to put aside their respective differences for the time being in order to join ranks to deal with this crisis which they see as a threat to both nations.

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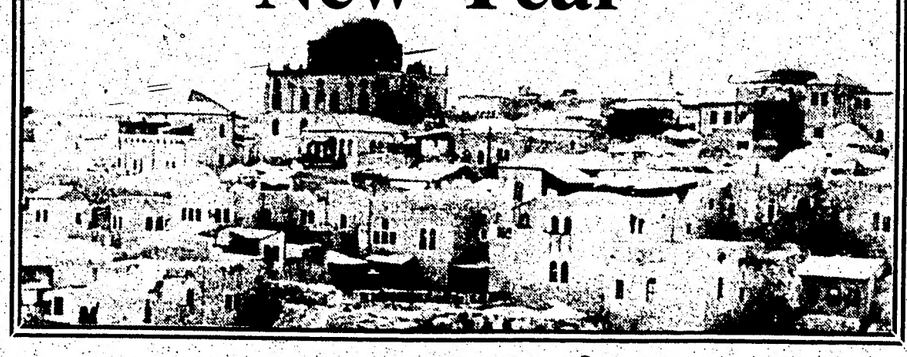

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Performs with Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra

Manor helps bring music to masses

By
LILI EYLON

JERUSALEM —
Musician Leah Manor was born forty years ago in Wroclaw, Poland, into a loving, cultured family.

Before her birth, when the Nazi net in Eastern Europe tightened in the late 1930s, her parents fled from Poland, each going separate ways, meeting up years later in Bokhara, in Soviet Asia, and eventually returning at the end of the war to Poland where Leah was born. The family members were Zionists and harboured aspirations of coming to Israel.

Music was always heard in Leah's home; her mother lectured on music to university students, "music was always my mother's ideal," says Leah, "and even in her spare time she sang in various choirs and transferred her ideals to us."

Studied piano at age 7

She studied the piano at the age of seven and her sister studied the violin. "I think it is because of my mother that my sister and I have become professional musicians today," she says.

When Leah was 10 years old, she and her family fulfilled their yearning to come to Israel and they moved to Haifa.

Leah was attracted to the violin by listening to her older sister playing this instrument, but because she was 17 she was considered too old to start studying it and chose the contrabass "because it seemed to me to be such an exotic instrument," she explains.

Both sisters started their musical careers in the Gadna (pre-military cadets) Orchestra. Leah was not entirely cut off from music during her army service, as she spent every leave playing in the Orchestra of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Until her sister moved from Jerusalem to Beersheba, the two were members of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, the orchestra of Israel's Broadcasting Authority, where Leah Manor, the busy single parent of a boy of 5, plays to this day.

The orchestra's recently begun popular series of youth concerts helps Manor pass on her love of music to her son, just as her mother had done many years ago.

Manor can be seen regularly on the stage of the Henry Crown Symphony Hall, the home of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, passing her bow over her large instrument and strengthening the lower tones of the orchestra. Is it not difficult for a woman to play such a huge instrument? "You do need a lot of physical strength to play a contrabass, but you develop this through constant playing," comments the slim musician, who is one of two women in the contrabass section of seven.

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra is celebrating 50 years of bringing music to the public, not only in Jerusalem, but all over the country and also abroad.

With its excellent instrumentalists, many of whom perform internationally, Israel has often been dubbed " a musical superpower." JSO and the Israel Philharmonic, as well as chamber ensembles and soloists such as Yitzhak Perlman, Daniel Barenboim, Pinchas Zuckerman and Miriam Fried, to name a few, are well known and appreciated by music lovers the world over.

Of all the performing arts, music is the most popular with Israelis. Music education begins at an early age; a number of music academies and centres provide instruction; the major cities and many kibbutzim nurture children's orchestras and choirs.

In addition to its home-grown artists, many visiting well-known orchestras, singers and instrumentalists play an important part in the country's musical life. Many come to participate in regularly scheduled special events such as the springtime Israel Festival in Jerusalem, the Ein Gev Music Festival on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, chamber music weeks in Acre, Jaffa and Shfayim, and the Zimriya International Choir Festival.

Younger musicians compete regularly for honors in the International Harp Contest and the Arthur Rubinstein International Master Piano Competition.

In the 40 years of Israel's existence, cultural offerings have multiplied impressively, and immigrants from both East and West like Leah Manor have enriched their content and helped make this country a haven for the arts.

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Spot in the sky

Immigrant discovers an unknown galaxy

TEL AVIV —
Sara Beck of Tel Aviv University's school of physics and astronomy has sighted what she and other university scientists believe is a previously unknown galaxy very close to our own. The galaxy may prove to be relatively young, and thus help astronomers understand how stars are formed.

Beck first saw the new galaxy while making observations at the Florence and George S. Wise Observatory in the Negev Desert. The Tel Aviv university intallation is the only astronomical observatory in the Middle East.

The galaxy was visible as a spot in the sky which registered a particularly high infra-red concentration. Such concentrations are listed in a catalogue of data that was collected by a space satellite launched by NASA and other national space agencies. Beck was able to match her observations with one of the concentrations of infra-red mentioned in the catalogue.

Both Beck and the technical director of the Wise Observatory, Noah Brosch, are fairly certain that the concentration is a previously unknown galaxy. Their measurements of its temperature and velocity indicate that it may be a young galaxy, with many stars not more than 10 million years old.

By comparison, our own galaxy, the Milky Way, is at least 10 billion years old, while the age of our sun is set at five billion years.

A native of Washington, DC, Dr. Beck, 33, studied physics at Princeton and the University of California and taught at Cornell and Northeastern University in Boston before coming to Israel in July, 1987.

Her husband, Benjamin Svetitsky, is a theoretical physicist at the Weizmann Institute of Science. The couple have two children, Shulamit, 4, and Elisha, 2.

The discovery has made her first year in Israel an especially eventful one for Beck, who has been interested in astronomy since she was a child.

"We came to Israel because we didn't want to miss the opportunity of being part of the creation of a new Jewish state and a new Jewish culture," she said. "We saw it as an adventure. And so far it has certainly been that."

11 win book awards

NEW YORK (JTA) —
Ten authors and one illustrator were presented with 1988 National Jewish Book Awards by the JWB Jewish Book Council at a ceremony at the 92nd Street Y recently.

The winners, along with their categories and publishers, are listed below:

- Children's literature: Sonia Levitin, The Return (Atheneum).
- Contemporary Jewish Life: Paul Cowan and Rachel Cowan, Mixed Blessings: Marriage Between Jews and Christians (Dubleday).
- Fiction: Philip Roth, The Counterlife (Farrar, Straus, Giroux).
- Holocaust: Susan Zucotti, The Italians and the Holocaust: Persecution, Rescue, Survival (Basic Books).
- Illustrated children's books: Miriam Chaikin, Exodus, Adapted from the Bible, illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak (Holiday House).
- Israel: Shabtai Teveth, "Ben-Gurion: The Burning Ground 1886-1948" (Houghton Mifflin Co.).
- Jewish history: Robert Chazan, European Jewry and the First Crusade (University of California Press).
- Jewish thought: Rabbi Marc Angel, The Orphaned Adult: Confronting the Death of a Parent (Insight Books/Human Sciences Press).
- Scholarship: Daniel Friedenberg, "Medieval Jewish Seals from Europe" (Wayne State University Press).
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Old myth needs exploding

Israel offers many pleasures for discerning palates

By
JAMES CAMPBELL

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— In years past, even the most devoted visitor to Israel, who would never stop singing the praises of the country — its scenery, its historical significance, its holy sites, its sun, its beaches — had serious reservations when it came down to Israel as a gastronomical experience.

"Israel? A great place for a holiday, but don't expect to eat well," they would tell their friends. Well, that might have been true 10, fifteen years ago, but the situation has changed a great deal and that myth certainly needs exploding now if it hasn't been already.

Not that you can't eat poorly in Israel: Like any country, Israel has its share of mediocre restaurants, cardboard-tasting fast food joints. But those are the exception rather than the rule.

Israelis, and not just tourists — especially those who have picked up sophisticated eating habits abroad — are demanding different standards with more variety and imagination in their eating-out experiences, and they can certainly find what they are looking for.

Eating begins with breakfast and the Israeli breakfast has become a legend. The average Israeli may well start the day at home with a gulped coffee and a piece of toast, but when he is on holiday, he expects to eat like the other tourists in his own land.

Most of Israel's better hotels will start your day with a gargantuan spread laid out on a help-yourself buffet, which will include half a dozen varieties of cottage and cream cheese, local versions of edam, gouda, gruyere, provalone, cheddar and other cheeses, salads, fresh vegetables and fruit, sour cream, yoghurt, smoked and pickled fish, boiled and scrambled eggs — and for the traditionalist, who doesn't want to feel too far from home, there will also be cornflakes and porridge, grapefruit and orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

Suitably fortified, you will now be able to enjoy a full morning's sightseeing/lazing/swimming/touring and by lunchtime, memories of breakfast may have receded enough to allow you to contemplate some small snack. This is the time to sample one of the local street delicacies. You could, at a pinch, settle for a hamburger or a pizza, but this is an opportunity to get your teeth into a real Israeli falafel.

The genuine article consists of small balls of mashed chickpeas, fried in deep oil, put inside a pocket of pitta bread and filled to overflowing by you yourself with a variety of salads, pickles, chips and the whole slathered with tehina (sesame seed sauce). If lunch for you is meat, then try a shawarma.

You will see a long, vertical spit revolving against a gas flame, carrying a large piece of layered meat which will be cut off for you in slices by the vendor and again stuffed into the ubiquitous pitta. (If you are lucky, the meat will be lamb, but it is more likely to be turkey.) Then, business as before: fill the pitta up to overflowing. Look for a gooey yellow condiment called ambar: it is a sort of mango chutney and is made by immigrants from India.

Falafel and shawarma, of course, have their origins in the Middle East, but Israelis of all ethnic origins have left their culinary imprint on the local cuisine. Among them were those who brought with them the great Austro-Hungarian traditions of the pastrycooks of Vienna, Budapest, Prague and Sophia.

What better way of bridging the gap between lunch (we only had a snack) and dinner than a dobosch torte, a mille feuilles, a schwarzwalder kirschtorte or a rum baba, washed down with a cappucino or a lungo or a filtre? (For a cross-cultural experiment, you could ask for a Turkish coffee — stipulate how sweet you want it — and don't drain the cup unless you want a mouthful of dregs.)

And so to dinner. Here we are faced with an enormous variety of choice, depending on the nature of the cuisine. This, after all, is the Jewish state, so how about some traditional Jewish cooking?

Ah, but what is traditional Jewish cooking? If our gastronomical antecedents tend to be Eastern European, then why not try one of the restaurants specializing in such delicacies as chopped liver, gefilte fish with khrayn, chicken soup with kneidlach, and a rib-sticking portion of cholent (meat, bean and potato stew with hard-boiled eggs in their shells) and helselach (stuffed chicken neck) or kishke (stuffed intestine).

Diners enjoy the food and the view in Eilat.

If our grandmother was nurtured not in Pinsk or Plonsk, but in Mogador or Fez, then our idea of a traditional meal will surely include a tajine made of lamb or chicken roasted with prunes and almonds, with a flaky moufleta dipped in honey for dessert.

Even if you owe no family allégiance to San'a, you might like to try one of the traditional Jewish dishes from Yemen such as melawech (specially prepared bread with a variety of spiced sauces, such as skhoug, an innocuous green dip that will make you believe Dante's inferno has broken out on your palate), or jahnoun (Yemenite pancake) or if these pall, how about grilled ox testicles?

There is, in fact, no limit to the range and extent of ethnic Jewish cuisines that you can try all over Israel. Each wave of immigration brought its own foods and eating habits and they have blended today into what is becoming a distinct local cuisine which has derived from all the countries of the Diaspora but has combined the particular elements of Israel's climate and abundance of fresh vegetables.

If none of this tempts you (or if you tend not to be culinarily adventurous, which is a great pity), do not despair. Israelis, for whom eating-out has become a major social pastime over the last few years, have become more and more eclectic in their tastes.

A Chinese restaurant has sprouted on virtually every street corner, and there is a wide range of French, Italian, Rumanian, Vietnamese, German, Russian, Hungarian, Japanese or Indian restaurants catering for every possible taste and at prices ranging from a few dollars for a Rabelaisian spread, to credit-card crunching de luxe establishments at 5-star hotels.

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Story of Middle Eastern immigrants

Habimah looks to past for musical

By
CAROL NOVIS

Left: Ze'ev Revach (left), star of the year's hit musical Salah Shabbati, with the wig, hat and moustache which help him make the transformation into Salah. Right: the transformation is complete.

JERUSALEM — When Israel's national theater company, Habimah, decided to stage a play that would suitably commemorate Israel's 40th anniversary, they turned to the history of the recent past.

Salah Shabbati, a musical comedy written and directed by Ephraim Kishon, with songs by Nurit Hirsch and Haim Hefer, utilizes some of the country's finest talents to tell the story of immigrants from Middle Eastern countries who came to Israel in the late 1940s and early 1950s and humorously shows how they adjusted to the ways of the country.

In one of the play's early scenes, Zeev Revach, who plays the lead role of Salah Shabbati, arrives in Israel and falls to his knees on the holy ground. "It's an unbelievably moving moment for Salah", Revach says. In his emotion, he can only utter the "Shehianu" prayer of thanksgiving. Then a bureaucratic functionary comes in and sprays him with DDT.

That wryly bittersweet comic passage typifies the ups and downs of the wave of eastern aliya of the period, which the play recalls.

Salah Shabbati has proved to be one of Habimah's greatest hits. The play has been sold out every night since it opened and plans are to continue the run "as long as my health holds out", according to Revach. Crowds are more than responsive; they enthusiastically clap, cheer and sing along. One reason, of course, is that many in the audience either experienced the trauma of the aliya or are the children of those who did.

In the period from 1948 to 1958, some one million immigrants from Yemen, Morocco, Iraq and other Arab countries arrived in an Israel unprepared for such an onslaught. To provide instant housing, maabarot, or transit camps, were established by the predominantly Ashkenazi government, which sometimes showed little respect or tolerance for the customs of the new arrivals.

Salah Shabbati is one of these immigrants; a devout, unworldly naive head of a large family who learns very quickly through native shrewdness how to operate in this new world. He bears more than a passing resemblance to Tevye the milkman, if you can imagine Fiddler on the Roof with A Yemenite in the leading role.

Among those Salah has to deal with are people from the nearby kibbutz, who, wrapped up in their own idealism, are intolerant of ways other than theirs, and tactlessly consider the newcomers "barbarians." There are the clerks and administrator who apportions houses and jobs and the party apparachiks of various political persuasions, who can be pursuaded to pay good money for a vote.

The play even pokes fun at Americans who donate money to build forests in Israel. In one mocking sketch, Salah earns money by posing in front of a forest as a tree planter. The forest bears the sign of an overseas donor while the picture is taken. Then the signs are switched and the forest bears the sign of some other donor for picture-taking purposes.

Salah Shabbati is based on an enormously popular movie written 20 years ago by Ephraim Kishon, which starred Topol and was nominated for several Academy Awards. "When I approached this role", says Revach, "I decided that I could never try to copy Topol's approach. He was a great actor, and the whole country had seen and loved the way he did it. So I said 'stop'. Instead of imitating Topol, I will go back to my own family's experience.

"Salah is my father. We came from Morocco when I was 8 years old, where my father was a respected teacher and poet. For a year and a half, we lived in a tent at the Sh'ar Aliya maabara near Haifa. I remember it well".

Oddly, Revach has no bad feelings from this period. "I remember it as fun, an adventure. My father was always optimistic. He felt things would get better. In a way, this optimistic naivety was what I tried to portray as Salah."

Revach says one of the differences between the aliya of immigrants from countries like Morocco, where he comes from, and from the West, is that their motivation is religious rather than Zionist. "They came because they believed the Messiah was coming and they wanted to be in Israel. Every Sephardi man, from the time he is a small boy, prays to be 'next year in Jerusalem'. It is entirely religious."

Revach himself was educated in an agricultural yeshiva and his father to this day professes himself disappointed that he became an actor instead of a rabbi. "This is the first play of mine that he has ever seen. He only came because I promised him that he would enjoy it and that there was nothing in it that might embarrass him".

Because the play's subject was so close to him, Revach worked intimately with Ephraim Kishon on revising the script. "We worked wonderfully together, even though there were a lot of differences of opinion. He had the film in his head, whereas I had actually lived through that experience."

In the end, the play satisfied both of them. "It is very different from the film and I'm happy that people haven't compared them". Not that the play hasn't been criticized: reviewers have remarked that certain parts are "soggy," "shmaltzy", and "stereotypical".

That hasn't deterred audiences, though, who are still queued up at the box office. Why is it so popular? "It's simple", says Revach. "It takes us back to the basis of our longing for Jerusalem. We have no other land but this land. This play reminds us of that".

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Best female player in world

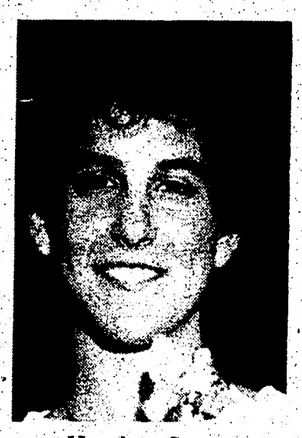
Would-be accountant wins racquetball title

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Just a few days after being crowned the best female racquetball singles player in the world, Heather Stupp was in the bowels of the McGill Redpath Library, her head steeped in accounting books.

She was also trying to stifle a case of the sniffles, and seemed about as far removed from glamor, prestige, media interviews, and jostling journalists as one could imagine.

Stupp, at least for the moment, had neither the time nor inclination to consider the juxtaposition.Her "CA exams," the final frontier on the road to being a full-fledged accountant, were around the corner, so there was no time to savor her feat.



Heather Stupp

But even if the 24-year-old St. Laurent resident didn't have time to appreciate what she had just accomplished, others did.

In Hamburg, she became the new world queen of racquetball. Stupp wrested the crown from American Toni Bevelock in a comeback 12-15, 15-8, 15-2 final match, guaranteeing her the title until the next world championships in two years.

If she wanted to, the reigning Canadian champ for two years running could devote herself to the professional racquetball circuit, reaping the rewards in sponsorship and endorsement contracts, if not the prize money, of the more big money tennis game.

So why isn't Stupp biting?

"I guess I'm a product of my environment," she reasoned during an interview. "If all I cared abut is racquetball, I could have much more. But my family values tell me it's important to have something to fall back on. You know, doctor, lawyer, accountant."

Stupp's attitude seems based on keeping a sense of perspective and balance about her success and intends to keep on competing in four or five major tournaments a year.

She also wants a secure career for the time when age catches up with ability, although Stupp sees herself able to stay on top for quite a few more years.

In Hamburg, Stupp played fiercely. In the final game, "I was so intense," she recalls, "I just went for it," showing some of the "big will to win" that Canadians haven't by reputation displayed on the court.

The German racquetball fans were also rooting for Canada and for Stupp, who stands 5 feet 4 inches and weighs 110 pounds. Stupp has found that fans abroad will inevitably cheer on a Canadian over an "ugly" American, partly because of the less arrogant reputation. On the other hand, Canadian competitors' resistance to be more aggressive have also been a "detriment" to winning on the court, in Stupp's view.

Stupp's determined style has been paying off, and seems far removed from the 13-year-old girl who had to compete in the Quebec provincial boys tournament because there was no girl's category (she won).

Stupp rose steadily, finishing fourth two years ago at the worlds, second at the 87 Pan Am Championships, and first at last year's Tournament of Americas championship in Caracas, Venezuela.

Sharing best Canadian honors is Winnipegger Sherman Greenfeld, who lost in the quarter finals in Hamburg to American Lance Gilliam.

Greenfeld is also Jewish, which is not necessarily mere coincidence.

Racquetball started to gain popularity in the U.S. at Jewish Community Centres, where Jewish racquetball king Marty Hogan perfected his technique. Not surprisingly, many of the sport's top players have come from the ranks of the JCC's.

Stupp has nothing but kind words for her bosses at Zittrer Siblin, Stein, Levine, who have graciously granted her leaves of absence to compete, even at tax crunch time.

The champion's own schedule of working, studying and competing is taxing, but Stupp is not fazed by it. She figures that by the time her CA exams are finished, she will finally be able to savor her success and bask in the afterglow. Even as she studies, Stupp said her photo would soon be adorning the cover of National Racquetball Magazine, the U.S. "bible" publication on the sport.

"I know I have become more marketable, but I have to set that aside and concentrate. My next goal is to pass."

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From Abu Jihad to Armand Hammer

Ten names grabbed the headlines

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

In accordance with our annual custom, we present our Rosh Hashanah list of 10 new names which made headlines in Israel during the past year. The list, given in alphabetical order, does not include names which may have been listed in previous years. The following were the ten top new headline grabbers of the year:

Abu Jihad, co-founder of the Fatah, and second in command to Yasser Arafat, was gunned down at his home in Tunisia. The world press and public opinion attributed the deed to Israeli agents, but Israel never acknowledged responsibility. He was the mastermind behind many of the PLO's terrorist deeds in recent years.

Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, minister of health, carried the brunt of the responsibility in the strikes which crippled the national health services for many months. With nerves of steel she sought, though in vain, to reconcile the justifiable demands of the medical personnel, with the firm policy of her government to hold the line against salary requests which could burst the dikes of restraint and lead to renewed inflation.

Yardena Arazi, popular Israeli singer, represented the country in the annual Eurovision contest and made a most respectable showing, despite a voting system in which all countries unfriendly to Israel failed to vote for her. An intensive commercial sponsorship campaign by the Bank Leumi kept her name and picture before the public all year.

Mubarak Awad, an American citizen, was deported from Israel after over-staying his tourist visa. Awad claimed to be an advocate of Arab civil disobedience to the Israeli authorities, but his agitation helped lead to violence which he failed to disavow. He fought his deportation as high as the Supreme Court.

Armand Hammer, California oil magnate, who has in recent years successfully intervened with Soviet authorities on behalf of Soviet Refuseniks, has deepened his attachment to and support of Israel. This year he has made well-publicized appearances here, and spearheaded a multi-million dollar investment in an off-shore search for oil which, he is convinced, does exist here.

Armand Hammer

Shabtai Kalmanovitz, 42, a Tel Aviv businessman, who immigrated from the Soviet Union in 1971, was arrested in January on charges of spying for the USSR. Since then, censorship has blacked out most news about the case, but the press overseas carried stories about a possible impending major spy swap in which he would be involved.

Ida Nudel, widely publicized Refusenik, who had devoted her life to aiding and comforting other Soviet Jews who were denied permission to leave, and had been exiled to Siberia, was finally released, and arrived in Israel to a tumultuous welcome. She has since continued her efforts to help other Jews leave the Soviet Union.

Lea Shakdiel was responsible for a legal precedent when despite opposition from the rabbinical establishment, she obtained a ruling from Israel's High Court of Justice affirming her right to serve on the Yeroham local religious council. Women had previously been excluded from all such councils.

Carolyn Turgeman, a 2-year-old child, had been kidnapped from her parents in Brazil and had been adopted by an Israeli couple, the Turgemans, who were unaware of the kidnapping. By decision of Israel's highest court the child was returned to her biological parents.

Renamed Bruna, the adorable child, who had captured the hearts of all Israelis, flew back to Brazil with her parents, after a short period of psychological readjustment.

Each was a headline story; a year from now, will we be able to remember the details? How many of last year's list do you recall? They were: John Demjanjuk, Nizar Hindawi, Ernst Japhet, Susan Shoshana Miller, William Nakash, Izat Nafsu, Moshe Nissim, Gen. Dan Shomron, Rafi Suissa and Mordecai Vanunu.

Promoted peace plan

George Shultz, U.S. Secretary of State, topped the news here for many weeks as he criss-crossed the Middle East, meeting the rulers of many countries and seeking to promote his plan for peace in the area, to be achieved by the initial convening of an international conference. He received encouragement from neither Israeli nor Arab leaders.

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Ultra-Orthodox Jew returns to Montreal

Jan Menses claims bureaucracy thwarted his aliya

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Jan Menses did not want to be a statistic. But two years of Israeli bureaucracy were almost, but not quite, enough to shake his belief that the Land of Israel is the best place for Jews to live.

Menses is an ultra-Orthodox Jew, a follower of the Lubavitch movement, and an artist, who has lived in Montreal since 1960. His stark black and white paintings are inspired by esoteric spiritual themes, and can be found in museums in North America, Europe, and now Israel. Menses is a member of the Royal Canadian Academy and is listed in the Canadian Who's Who.

His Tikkun (Redemption) series on which he has been working for the past 10 years expresses his yearning for the Jewish homeland.

He had hoped to spend the rest of his life in Israel, completing the series, and serving as "a catalyst" to other artists.

He and his wife Rachel and daughter Nechama, now 14, planned their move to Israel for several years before purchasing a 250-year old house in the ancient city of Safed, which has an artists' colony. They had visited Israel on several occasions over the years and felt they knew what to expect.

They were also prepared to make a considerable material sacrifice, including the sale of a duplex in a depressed market and the loss of most of the pension Mrs. Menses, a schoolteacher, would receive if she waited until retirement age.

Unfortunately, nothing could prepare them for the seemingly senseless paperwork and runarounds they encountered. After two years, he and his wife and daughter returned to Montreal in July. They have kept the house, and hope to spend periods of time in Israel.

Menses is a gentle man and, above all, does not want to say anything negative about Israel. However, he is deeply concerned that some things have to change if Israel is to attract Jews from the Diaspora, and keep its best people from emigrating. He describes the bureaucracy as "uncompromising and suffocating" and frequently arrogant.

His frustration with Israeli bureaucracy began in Montreal when he visited the Israeli Aliyah Centre. "The shaliach (at the time) could not answer most questions," said Menses, adding that he had means and was not seeking any financial assistance.

Being a convert and wanting to immigrate to Israel at the height of the Shoshana Miller controversy also did not make Menses' aliya any easier. Menses, now 55, was converted to Judaism at the age of 26 by an Orthodox rabbi in Morocco.

He refused to have "ger" stamped in his Israeli identification card because it evoked memories of the Nazi occupation he lived under in his native Holland. He also did not want to be lumped together with those not converted according to halacha.

Letters attesting to the authenticity of his conversion and that fact that he has strictly adhered to an observant Jewish life style from the two Chief Rabbis of Montreal (Ashkenazi and Sephardi) didn't change anything, nor did a reference from Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose who vouched for Menses' stature in the art world.

His wife and daughter entered Israel as olim in September, 1986; he remained a "tourist" throughout the two years.

The real test of his endurance was living in his house for a year without electricity. It had electricity when he bought it the summer before the family's departure. But the powers that be had cut if off on the day of their arrival, demanding that Menses put in new wiring in 2-metre thick walls. "If you cut off the lights of an artist, you might as well cut off his legs," Menses comments.

Finding that electrical contractors either did not want the job or were charging exorbitant sums, Menses — who knew nothing about electrical work — took on the job himself with the help of a recent Soviet immigrant. As he puts it, it cost him a broken leg and two fractured ribs and a couple of close calls with electrocution.

The Menses had only a single lightbulb during that year, thanks to a long extension to a neighbor's house. Mrs. Menses did the cooking at a nearby shelter for olim.

Without heating in a long, rainy winter, Menses caught pneumonia.

The good news — and this is what Menses wants to stress — is that the historical house was eventually renovated. With photos, he shows how he transformed the dark, grotto-like dwelling into a bright, comfortable home. He's so pleased with the result that he's entered it in the catalogue of his works as Tikkun no. 52.

Artist Jan Menses stands besides one of his trademark black-and-white paintings.

There's more good news. Menses had two major exhibitions in Safed and Jerusalem, his first in Israel, and is now represented in a Jerusalem gallery. Works have been bought by Yad Vashem, Hebrew University and Haifa's Museum of Modern Art. His work was well received by the media and the art community, and Menses is pleased he has established himself in Israel at last.

In his second year in Israel — with the light restored — he was able to resume his painting and completed seven large-format works for his Tikkun series.

The whole experience leaves Menses deeply worried about the future of Israel. "It's a contradiction, but the major obstacle to aliya today is the Jewish Agency."

But small things saved Menses from giving up on Israel the country, such as the gift of a jar of Dutch herring from the Chief Rabbi of Petach Tikvah, an expensive treat in Israel. Menses, who long ago was an officer in the Dutch air force, was exhilarated by the sight of Israeli fighter planes. His spare moments were often spent lying on his roof watching their precise maneuvers.

Menses is now living in an Outremont apartment, much of his works still uncrated as he decides his future. His next exhibition is in February in New York at the Blom and Dorn Gallery.

Ironically, he misses Israel already. "When we were there, my wife was crying to go back to Montreal. Now she is crying for Israel. The country has that kind of hold on you."

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